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THE FIRST SIGHTS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE INEVITABLE ANXIETY, APPREHENSION, AND UNCERTAINTY.



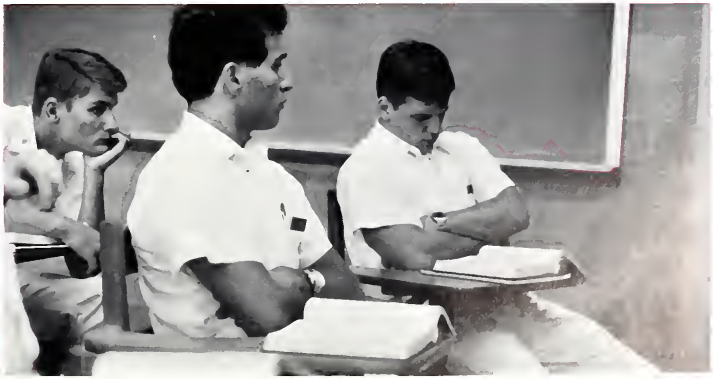




TIME WEARS ON, TO MOMENTS OF RELIEF, TO MOMENTS OF JOY, AND TO MOMENTS OF DEPRESSION.



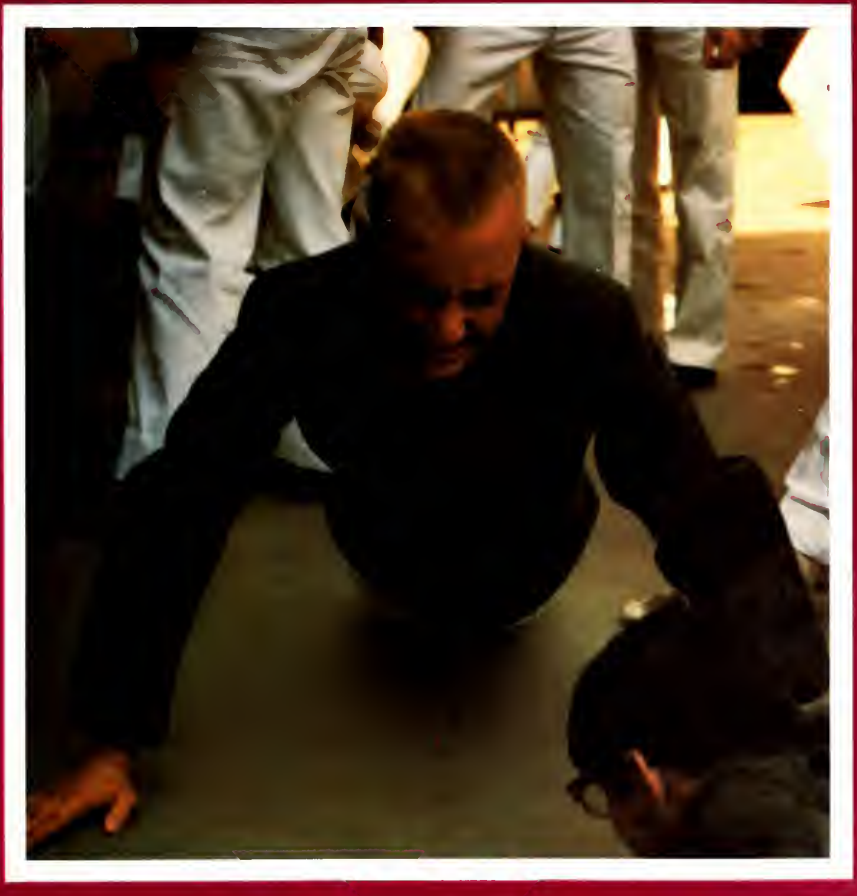




GOOD TIMES AND BAD TIMES COME AND GO.



EVENTS SHAPE YOU MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY.



THE UPWARD TREK CONTINUES, IT SEEMS INSURMOUNTABLE, BUT . . .





THE APEX IS FINALLY REACHED, AND THE END SEEMS ATTAINABLE.





RESPONSIBILITIES CONTINUE TO INCREASE.



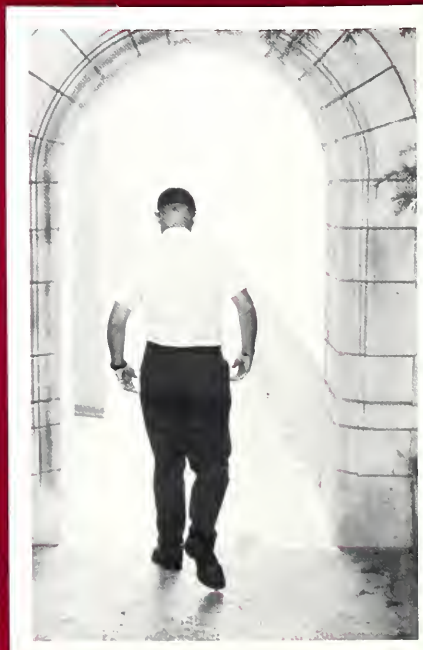
THE SOJOURN IS COMING TO AN END,
AND, JUST AS FOUR YEARS EARLIER,



THE APPREHENSION OF THE IMPENDING UNKNOWN BUILDS.







IN RETROSPECT, THE DAILY GRIND







AND THE TRIFLING DIFFICULTIES FADE INTO INCONSEQUENCE . . .



THE IDEA OF VMI MAKES ITSELF APPARENT.



THE PERSPECTIVE THAT WE LACKED AS CADETS BECOMES OUR MOST WELCOMED GRADUATION PRESENT.



AS WE SAY OUR GOODBYES, WE PART NOT ONLY WITH ASSOCIATIONS,



BUT WITH A TIME IN OUR LIVES THAT USHERED IN OUR FUTURES.



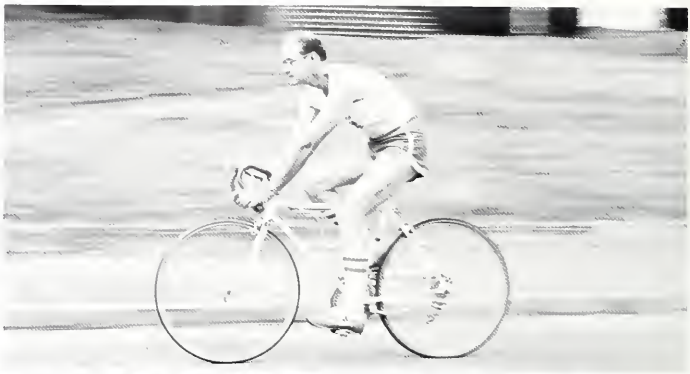
IN MEMORY OF BONT F. TULBERT



Bont F. "Buzz" Tulbert was a man well loved by all those who knew him. Unfortunately, on August 18, 1990, his life was lost in a tragic automobile accident leaving family, friends, and Brother Rats of '78 in dismal grief. Bont's presence was characterized by a radiated warmth of wit, humor, and charm, and yet, a conveyance of deepest sincerity. His outstanding personality, immeasureable determination, and dedication to the concerns of his fellow man made him the exceptional human being that he was. We will miss Bont and we shall cherish the fruitful memories of his life which he so graciously shared with us.

John Haithcock
Fletcher Thompson
1981 Dykes

The Class of 1981 would like to dedicate this edition of the Bomb to Captain Harold A. Willcockson, Deputy Commandant of VMI.Captain Willcockson came to VMI in 1977 after serving over twenty-eight years in the United States Army. A summary of all the accomplishments that mark this distinguished career, which spanned nearly three decades and two wars, would be innappropriate here since the space provided would in no way be adequate. Much has been writen about leadership by example. This being the case every cadet can profit by the example. of this sincere and dedicated man. Thank-you Captain Willcockson for caring enough to give your very best . . .












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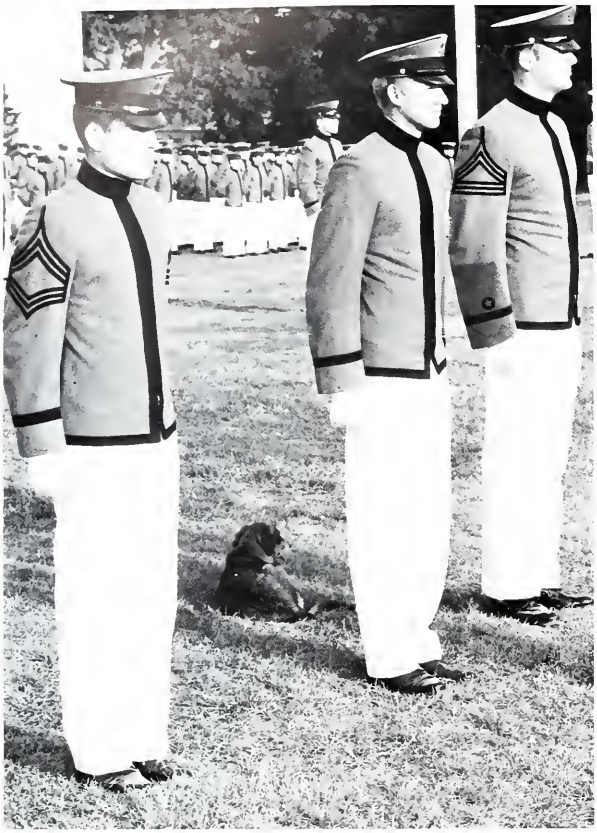


THE CLASS OF



1981





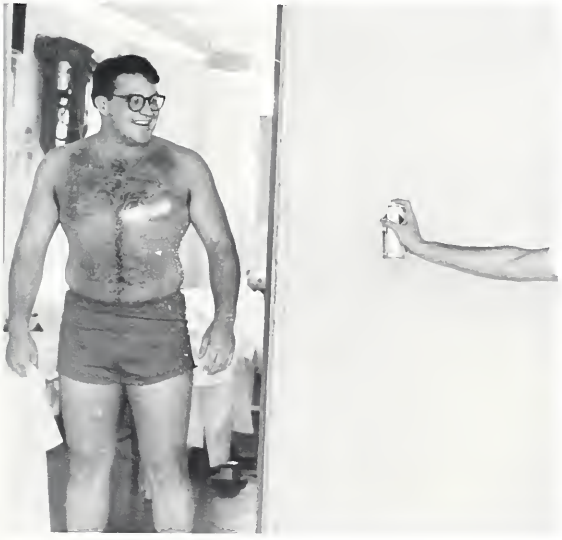














From that first sweltering August day when we entered Linit's Gates to that Late chilly December night when we resolved to preserve the ratline, the Class of 1981 has carved a path which has been frought with both exhileration and frustration. As rats, we discovered that VMI classes generally run in cycles ranging from the conservative to the radical. Our Dykes' class was definitely wilder, more independent and more aggressive than most, and we have essentially lived up to that tradition. This is evident in such activities as our carefully coordinated "commando raid" on Mary Baldwin, and the spontaneously planned football confiscation from the Hokie rangers.

Yet, in many respects, the Class of 1981 is a unique class. We share the fun-filled memories of Zollomans, Goshen, and Twin Falls, and the fond memory of our brother rat Ron McCulloch.

As the ruling authority in barracks, we have tenaciously fought to perserve the time-honored traditions and challenges of the ratline. The class has demonstrated that in fluxuating and uncertain times, it can still retain some control over the changes which occur in the Corps' life. In this manner, we have insured the perpetuation of our most cherished asset- The Honor System.

All of these diverse elements have combined to make our class- the Class of 1981 -one of the most spirited and unified groups of individuals to have passed through these hallowed arches. Of this rare distinction, we are terribly, arrogantly and righteously proud. We leave the Institute with both fond and bitter memories, distant and close friendships, and irrevocably and gloriously secure in the knowledge that our next view of barracks will be from the balcony of Moody Hall.



FIRST CLASS OFFICERS



Terry M. Murphy Robert J. Morris Gerald R. Manley

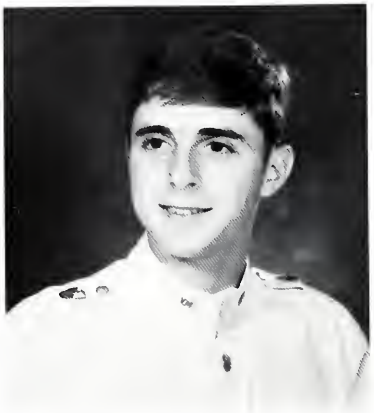


Jeffrey Steven Adler

"Alibi, Ma zah Ball, Rabbi, Jew, Beeesh"
Reston, Virginia
English, Air Force

Corporal 3, Pvt. 4, 2, 1,. Pres. of the Jewish Club, 3, 2, 1. Pres. College Republicans 2. Varstiy Rifle Team 4, Rifle Team Asst. Coach, Mgr. 3, 2, 1. Timmons Music Society 4, 3. Bomb Staff, 1. Religious Council 2, 1 P.X. Cowboy 4, 3, 2, 1. "Uncle's Al's Gang 2, 1. Deans other list 4, 3, 2, 1. M.B.C. Casualty 4. Marriage Counsler, 2. English Society 4, 3, 2, 1.

Well, Jeff after four years at the "I" what have you learned? Not to go uptown with K.C. on a Wed. afternoon when you have obligated yourself as an example of cadetship to a group of impressionable youths? Or could you have learned just how much money a person can spend in "only a short trip" to the "X" and how funny gas can be at 1:30 A.M. Yet much more important then what you have learned, is what you have taught. Your lessons in kindness and caring, generosity and fortitude will live as examples of your Jewish heritage and ethics. Good luck. God Bless and you should've been a Rabbi. D.C.A '81 I couldn't have done it without you *Dad*, Mom, "Uncle Al", roomates, all my faithful pen pals, K.C., Bob and of course Tam. Shalom!



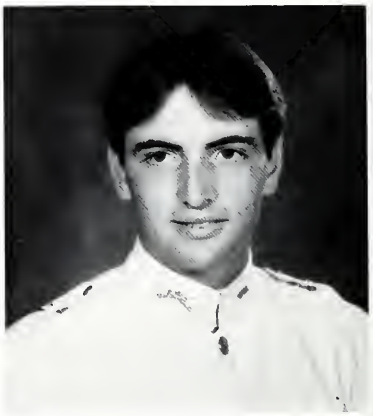
Lyne Burke Aigner, Jr.

"Cretinman, LB, Lynnie, Aigner Nut"
Richmond, Virginia
Biology-Army-Medical Corp

Baptist Student Union 4, 3, 2, 1, (Vice President-President); Pre-Med Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi; Indoor Track 4, 3; Outdoor Track 4; (Letter 4, 3); Cadet Battery 2, 1; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Lt. 1;

Those who did not know Lyne, knew of Lyne. In his silent manner, he was a leader, a man who through his magnanimity and his humality, sat head and shoulders above the rest of us. When feeling low, he would merely reflect, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Phil 4:13); he seldom displayed discontentment in a world which nearly always pinned some one down. Lynnie's humor was singularly hilarious, and he relished all opportunities to rib any of us-Ray, Randy, Gillesppe, Bobby T., Waggs, PBD, and the whole "Bio Clan"- but how he withstood our abuse, I'll never know. (It must have taken all of Palm Parlor's ice cream to keep him cool.) For all who befriended Lyne, that fact remains an honor they will long remember. I pray I will remain lifelong friends with the brother rat I most respect.

DGT



Thomas Gerard Albro

"Bro, Brobo, Slam, Bert, Lil'Ski, Bubba"
Catharpin, Virginia
Chemistry-Army-Armor

Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club; Ski Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Swimming 4; ACS 3, 2, 1; Secretary/Treasurer 1; Slam Brothers 3, 2, 1 Head Slam 2, 1; Smith Mountain Wipeout Club 2, 1; Cabin Party 2, 1; Summer Camp Top 40; Dean's List 4, 3; E.B. Jones Scholarship 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Getto 4, 3, 2; J.D. Pilgrimage 2, 1

Tom came to VMI with two pieces of advice: keep a low profile and don't be like your brother. After initial successes with both, Bro has slipped and become a true Keydet in every sense of the word. Though no bookworm, Tom has occasionally hit the Dean's List and landed an academic scholarship. This is despite sports and near-perfect attendance at parties throughout the Commonwealth. He makes his rounds in an enviable fashion but don,t tell him because his most gracious gift is that outgoing yet humble personality. He exumes class and style.

Obviously the military means little to Tom. A four private and a bottom 10% finisher at Camp reflect his motivation. His immediate future looks like grad school but watch it! Unleshing him on a coed campus could be the undoing of our otherwise success-ridden cohort. JFF

A person is only as successful as those he surronds himself with.

Thank with all my love Mom and Dad. TGA

DYKES1978 Bruce Kay
1984 Mike Kay



DYKES1978: Stu Gitchell
1984: Calvin Buchanan
Scott Doody



DYKES1978; Rick Wetherill
1984: Dan Grillone





Glenn Cameron Alexander

"Zander, Little Alex"
Goshen, Va.
Economics and History-Infantry

Rat 4; Cpl 3; 1st Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Rat Executive Officer ; Rat Training Cadre 3, 2; AUSA 4; Ranger Platoon ; Society of Young Economist 4, 3, 2; Ring Figure Rock Committee 2; Oyster Bowl Confiscation Team ; Col. Weede Fan Club 3, 2; Army Scholarship 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3; Commander French Rangers

Far From The Madding Crowd's Ignoble Strife
Their Sober Wishes Never Learn'd To Stray;
Along The cool Sequestered Vale Of Life
They Kept The Noiseless Tenor Of Their Way
Thomas Gray Elegy Written In A Country Church Yard

I'd Like to thank Martha for her patience and nderstanding, Doug, Jeff, Tom, and Duane for their iendship and hospitality, my brother rats for mak- g my cadership worthwhile, VMI for building char- cter, and the precious few who "kept the noiseless nor of their way."

YKES: 1978: Scott Lacagnin
1984: Carl "Wormano" Romano
Andy "Toaster Head" Petretti



Paul Mark Andrus

"Pbo"
Lynchburg, Virginia

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Color Sgt. 2; 1st Lt. 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1 SAME 4, 3, Vice President 2, President 1; Marine Detachment 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 2; CIC 1; Gold Coast 1; Mononucliosis 3

If the VMI experience is compared to a hurricane, then Pbo must be compared to the eye. No matter the crisis or the emergency, he is the calmest man in barracks. Rational amidst irrationality and practical against impracticality, this soft-spoken Lynchburg, Virginian has consistently shown himself equal to every situation. Paul's four year record at the Institute has been enviable. His ability has been recognized by his peers anc superiors, and has been suitably rewarded with positions of great responsibility. But there is also Pbo, the Southern Gentleman, who's gentle accent, impeccable manners, and fast backgammon game has ingratiated himself to any number of young ladies. In fact, this "Leatherneck" has continually paraded before his envious BR's an astonishing array of dazzling dates. Paul's relaxed personality, his ability to inspire others, and his self-confidence makes for a bright future indeed! WGL III

DYKES 1978: Bill Lowe
1984: Keith Belcher
Larry Merriman



William Paul Argiriou

"Greek, The Night Stalker, Garoo"
Huntington, New York
Economics, Army-Infantry

Hockey 4, 3, 2, 1; Co-Founder of the Team 2. Sinking Springs Massacre 2. Fencing 4. Ranger Plt. 4, 3. A.U.S.A. 4, 3,. Pvt. 4. Cpl. 3. Sgt. 2. Pvt. 1. Rat Training 4, 2, 1. Rat Training Company Co. "C" Co. 1. N.Y.N.J. Club 4, 3, 2, 1. Bill Dooley Fan Club 2, 1. Senior Citizen Entertainment Committee, 2.

It is definitely hard to believe that four years at V.M.I. are almost over. That warm night, 17 August 1977, when we learned what this place is about seems like yesterday. Room 432 was the right place to room. (No room ever did beat us in a water war). The four years had its ups and downs and I rolled with the punches. Joe, I really hoped we started something with the Hockey Team? Remember Sinking Springs Pa? I will never forget Ring Figure and Crash Corner. As graduation approaches its good to know that I had a bunch of great BR's. To all of you I say, see you at Moody Hall for years to come. Thanks Mom and Dad for all you've done

DYKES 1978 Russ Johnson
1984: Roland Staiano
J.B. Howe

















Arthur James Armstead II

"Squirrel"
Hampton, Virginia
Economics-Army-Armor

Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Track Team Captain 1; Society of Young Economist 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1.

Thank God for the end to the long journey. As I look back over the past three years I see the change in me. I really don't know whether it was VMI or just me! My stay here hasn't all been pleasent, but I am grateful for being given the opportunity to attend. I'm also grateful for being blessed with parents who encouraged me to persevere. Thank you Dad for the image you have given me and thank you Mom for always being there. I love you both a great deal. Now it's time to move on to something else. Whatever it is I know my abilities and what it takes to work at something I feel is of some worth. God has created me to be who I am. I can succeed with Him, self-assurance and being just me.

To all my BR's and especially to my roomies, Good Luck! I'll never forget what has happened to us. Cueball and Stump keep pushing, it won't be long.

DYKES 1978: Keith (Cueball) Gentry
1984: James (Stump) Walker





Scott Edward Armstrong

"Skip, Puppy, Scotty"
St. Petersburg, Florida
History-Army-Armor

Football 4; CWRT 4, 3, 2, 1; Tanker Platoon 2, Cadet in Charge 1; Private 4, 2, 1; Corporal 3; Pub Club 251 2; Bacardi 151 1; DMS/DMG 1; Duck's Derelicts 3; Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; MBG Commuters Club 2, 1.

"How shall I go in peace and without sorrow? Nay, , not without a wound in the spirit shall I leave this city. Long were the days of pain and I have spent within its walls, and long were the nights of aloneness; and who can depart from his pain and his aloneness without regret? . . .

. . . Yet I cannot tarry longer.

The sea that calls all things unto her calls me, and I must embark."

Kahlil Gibran
K.A.R.

To Mom and Dad
I believe in you
no doubt because you believe in me
which is a way of saying
whatever I have is yours
or I'm your fgriend
or I like your way of thinking
or thanks for standing by me
or you are something special
or I love you.

Fred Bauer
K.A.R.

DYKES 1978: Brad "Cool Ray" Kitts
1984: Kurt (Weekend Warrior) Weitz
Eugene (Link) Sampey





Carter Dickerson Augustine

"Dickie-O, Wick, Dickie Wick, Pentel"
Richmond, Virginia
Biology-Army-Field Artillery

Hop and Floor Committee 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Swimming 3, 2; Lacrosse 4, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Cadete Battery 2.

Dickie came to VMI, August, 1977, and from that day throughout the rest of his Rat year he was under the strict supervision of his dyke, Spruel P. James III. Under this supervision, Dickie learned such things as how to run the block, how to party in barracks and how to visit in his dyke's room after Taps, in fact, this was a regular meeting for all the 4th class dykes on the weekends, but then Dickie had to be visiting someone in his dykes room because Spruel wasn't there. After this year of teaching by Dickie's dyke (and Dickie was a fast learner) our Third class year began. Dickie didn't seem to get caught like the rest of us did and was rarely seen on the weekends because he was at Mary Baldwin. I think he should have enrolled there because he sure didn't spend too much time at VMI. Dickie also tried the Diving Team and even lettered his 1st year Diving, although I would say crashing was a better term for it. The time passed quickly and we were Seconds. In 232 we all got to be real close and had a good time together. The highlight was Ring Figure and even better the party Roanoke remember Amy, Wick? Well now it's our 1st class year and we are Rats with a Rat. I am almost sorry it's over because of the closeness we have in the room. Thanks Dickie for letting us room with you for the last two years.

Good Luck to you and Amy, Wick. DEB

Thank you, Amy. ILY. Mom and Dad, Polly, and Pug

DYKES 1978: S.P. Spruel James III
1984: Thomas Anthony



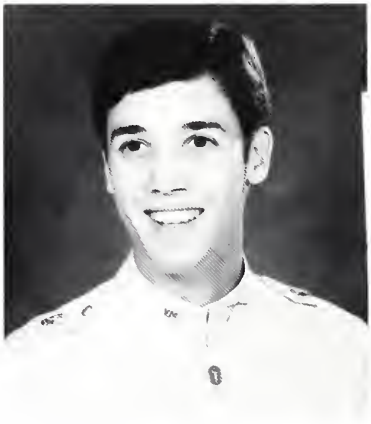


John Joseph Aulbach II

"J.J., Johnny"
Chambersburg, Pa.
C.E.-Army

Glee club 4; Barracks Bomber 4, Duck's Derelects 4, 3, 2; Zoo crew 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Pub Club (251) 2; Unauthorized Sports Car 2; Engaged 2, 1; DMS, DMG 1; pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Training Cadre 1; Bacardi (151), 1

We went through hell together and we partied heavily together no matter what the situation was. I could always rely on on good ole J.J. to come to the rescue. I wish you and Lisa the best of luck throughout your future. Good luck buddy! SEA What can I say about a good friend and roomate for three years? We enjoyed playing with Tac's minds, the all night spade games and the WT, JD, and JB. Good luck John. Iceman
My pride for you stands high
As you will soon graduate from the big "I"
Then you will start a new life
But this time,
I will be your wife. LOVE Lisa. My thanks go to Mom and Dad who somehow managed to pull me through those 4 years. Lisa thank you for being there when I needed you. JJA



Manuel Jacob Avancena

Bridgewater, Virginia
History-Army

Rat 4: Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Civilian ??

I came-illusion
I stayed-then reality
I leave-looking on



Bernard Matthew Banas Jr.

"Bern, Big Bern"
Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania
History-Army-Armor

Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1, Monogram Club

". . . greatness comes not when things go always good for you, but the greatness comes when you are really tested when you take some knocks, some disappointments, when saddness comes, because only if you have been in the deepest valley can you ever know how magnificent it is to be on the highest mountain."

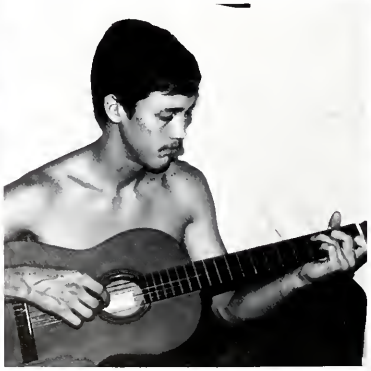
R.N.

Going through four years at V.M.I. was not always a popular decision with me; however, it was a decision I will never regret. Many thanks to Coach Walt Ayers for believing, and to the Ayers and Gillen families for timely saluation. To the boys of 104: Satch, Drew, Quiz, I doubt I'll ever encounter better friends. Most importantly, allow me to thank my family for thier constant support, and to my Father who has been an inspiration to me. Lastly, for you Lisa, we finally made it. 1.4.3.

DYKES1978: Andy Marshall
1984: Paul "DJ" laderosa, Phil Schied



DYKES1978: J.K. Whitmer
1984: Phuc Thien Dao, Luis Ruperto Perez



DYKES1978; Ron Carter
1984; Kelvin Nash





Keith Raoul Baron

"KRAB, Quasi, Baronski, Nubbs, Flat Top"
Massie's Mill, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Air Force

SAME 3, 2, 1; IEEE 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 4, 2, 1; Rat Rappelling Captain 1; *Bomb* photograher 3; Photo Editor 2; Associate Editor 1; Glee Club 4, 3; Nearly Married Club 4, 3, 2, 1; AAS 1; Apathy Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Monkey House 2; Rat Bible Editor 1; Farts 4, 3, 2, 1; BOHICA 4, 3, 2, 1;

When times got rough during Rat year and we needed to shine shoes, study Chemistry, or memorize part of the Rat Bible, Keith was always there with his personal remedy, "You wanna play spades?" He hasn't changed.

When the routine got too dull and we were all feeling glum, we had Keith to lead us on with his rendition of "Oh, mares eat oats, and does eat oats . . ." He hasn't changed.

If we noticed our bodies astrophying due to a lack of exercise and general all-around laziness, who would organize our after Taps pushup contests? Keith did. He hasn't changed.

But through these four years what made Keith a friend was his personal sense of duty. Undoubtedly this won't change either. His integrity and sense of humor will benefit those he works with as well as those he lives with.

CAM

Special thanks to Mom and Dad who have had to put up with quite a bit in my short life. To the *Bomb* Staffs of '79, 80, and the best of 1981. Your names are many and so are the memories. And of course Gail, without whom I would be but an empty shell. Much love, KRAB

DYKES 1978: Richard "Buck" Bartosik
1984: Curtis Hinton John Jordon
David "Mountain" Montano





Marc Guy Barthello

"Bart, Barf, Minner Leige"
Fort Walton Beach, Florida
Civil Engineering-Air Force

Rat; Cpl; Sgt; Pvt; Pep Band 4, 3; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; RFYL 3, 2, 1; Concrete Canoe 1; Fire Fighters 2, 1; Scuba 1; Library Cadet Assistant 3, 2; Head Cadet Assistant 1; Mrs. Tuckers Car Club 3, 2; Great Escape 2; Hotel Roanoke 2; Crazy Horse Rescue Squad 2, 1.

Barf came from the land of "Jaws" via his MGB and the Beach Boys, "Minner Liege's" existence at the "I" was aided by his favorite two words - road trip. Whether it was a Sunday party at Mary Wash, Baldweenie of Hollins, Barf was sure to be on -81 every weekend heading out into the "sun and fun." Of course back at the dorm(?), Barf and I were always doing something constructive like shagging, playing backgammon, setting racks, throwing firecrackers, drinking beer (Thanks Col. B), and drinking more beer Oh! Lets not forget our famous disappearing act at Hotel Roanoke, Barf, thanks for your kind and understanding freindship. Let's graduate!!!

CPD

To the Saunders, thank you for providing me with much more than just a home-away-from-home.

To my family, I will thank you personally for all your support.

DYKES 1978: Dave Ring
1984: Mike Melton, Shawn Flores





Richard Dale Bartholomew

"Laze"
Horn Lake, Mississippi
Civil Engineering-Air Force

ASCE 3, 2, 1; S-5 Staff 4, 3; VMI Commanders 4, 3, 2; VMI Pep Band 4, 3, 2; BSU 3, 2, 1; Reg. Line Private 4, 3, 2, 1; GCR Club 2, 1; Monkey House 2; Suite 137 1; Nearly Married Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

One of the first things I remember hearing from Rich was that on September 10, 1977, it was his and Nanceys' 29th "month anniversary." Now they've made it through 73 and have shown everyone it *can* be done.

Rich set other records, too, especially in the demerit sector, rolling hard and fast toward the magic 400 mark. He never ran the block, nor deserted a class, nor did any of the "normal" things cadets do to get their names on the excess sheets; Instead, he answererd specials which read, "Unalright OCMNI, i.e. Reading Bible in Barracks Study Room." Who else?

Rich, you have the unbound patience and faith that give real meaning to the word "Christian."

MED '81

I.L.Y.T.F.A.B.T.F.E. Thanks to everyone back home too. RDB '81 John 8:32

DYKES 1978: Allen Moure
1984: John Wisniewski





Dean Elliot Beard

"Dean-O, Beard-O"
Richmond, Virginia
Chemistry, Army Artillery

Varsity Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1; Water Polo 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Battery 2; President and Founder of Dean's Dippers 3, 2, 1; Summer School 4, 3, 2; VCU Christmas school 2, 1.

Dean-O and I met on just about the same terms, we were both on the verge of flagging Organic chemistry, Third class year. 19's and 40's were easy to come by on hour quizzes. Rooming with Dean for two years I've become a firm believer in his philosophy of "Why do so me thing today when you can put it off until tomorrow". Dean has even rerun performances at Mallory Hall. He has even gone as far as bringing his act to SS'80 with repeats in PY 208. Thank goodness for VCU Christmas session.

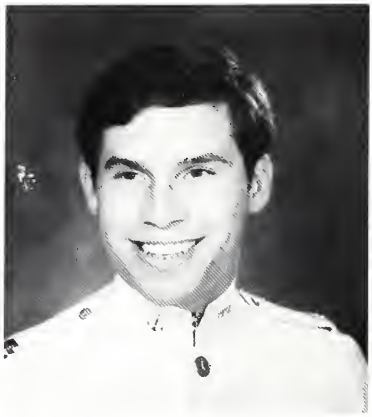
Dean's personality is quite unique. He is seen as a 1 aid back fellow with a fresh dip in, around the clock, and a medium Coke with a lot of ice. Dean-O wore his First Class belt so low that you'd wonder how he didn't trip over it. Down deep Dean-O is a sincere and honest individual, who would get the job done when the time came, and a true BR. Dean I'm sure you'll uphold the tradition of 2.0 and go!

I want to thank Mom and Dad, Bado, my roomates, Rod and Jud and Susan for the help and understanding that you have given me the past four years. Without you, it would not have been possible for me to reach the end.

-Dean-O

DYKES 1978: Jerry Placzek, Shady Grove
1984: Sammy Lowman





Winfield Lamont Beckner

"Squat, Viking, Little Fart Shi?, Gerbil, Tattoo
Richmond, Virginia
Physics--Navy/Nuke (subsurface)

Pvt. 4, cpl., 3, sgt. 2, 1st lt., Deans list 3, 2; Distinguished 3; Pep Band 4, 3; Commanders 2, 1; Society of Physics Students 3, 2, 1; Sigma Pi Sigma 2, 1; Wrestling 4, Rat Training 4, 3, 2; Cheerleading, 1; MBC Night manuevers 4, 1; Longwood Club 3, Samuri Midshipmen 2; Pervert Court 4; Pervert Trial Club 2, "23:59" Club, coop-grad 1

When squat came in to the claws of the VMI ratline, he made sure that it wouldn't stop him from what he does best --being cocky! After many midnight beer and J.D. bashes with the Sultans of Schwang, pseudo-wrestling matches with the skitz and genus, and daring raids to Longwood, Richmond, and MBC, Lamont decided it was time to get serious and get some stars. How he can concentrate while babbling to himself all the time amazes me, but he has shown why he belongs to the slide by with the least effort club! See you in Orlando! DSP

I want to thank all my roomates, Peaches Genus, Jew, Wags Skitz, Samo, Deano, and Serpico for all the great times. Mostly I want to send my love to a family who has stood by me (top, bottom. Whew!). WLB

DYKES 1978; Ivan Allen "Quasar" Moore
1984: Steve A. Carr





Karl Herman Betz

"Quick, Snakeman"
Va, Beach, Va.
Modern Language-Navy-SS

VMI Herpetological Society 3, 2, 1; Number One Evasion Club 3, 2, 1; Px Cashier Harrassment Club 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 2nd Bat. S-2 1

Long long ago, in a ratline far away . . . There came to be a young Jedi rat . . . Karl H. Betz, better known as the keeper of the snakes. After breezing through the ratline, Karl decided to take an extended summer furlough. And it came to pass that he return back to barracks in Jan. of 1979. From this point on, he was to be a year round student at the "I". However a new lifestyle was created. An entire room was set up, disguised as a regular cadet room. This was to eventually become the S-2 headquarters. The prospect of being 2nd battalion S-2 appealed to Karl, so he was instantly promoted to cadet general (under cover of course). From this point on, no rule was left unbroken. Secretaries, cashiers, and all other females were subjected to Karls' harrassment techniques. What will happen to them when he graduates???? Only Col. Yoda knows!!! Thus we have come to know the dark side of the blue book. HCS V '81

DYKES 1976; Norm Cole
1984: Kenny (where's) Werres





Eugene L. Bigelow, Jr.

"Big, Dancin' Machine, Disco"
Victoria, Texas
Biology-Army-Armor

Corporal; Sergent; Lieutenant; AUSA 4, 3, 2, 1; Sport Parachute Club 4; Fencing 4; Mind Whirlpool 3; Tanker Platoon 2, 1; IRC 1; Pre-Med Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Rack Club 4, 3, 2, 1; "Has it been worth it" Fan Club.

I want to thank all my friends at home and here at VMI for all the support they gave me. Most importantly I want to thank my Father and Mother, Kathy and Sue for giving all the support and love I needed many times throughout my cadetship.

I can not say that I have endured four years at the "I" and have gone unchanged. When you can appreciate a sink that has the hot and cold water coming from the same spigot, you've obviously been humbled in some way. I'm still as realistic as I ever was and my opinion of VMI has not changed. Perhaps a few years on the outside will make me appreciate VMI.

Finally always remember no matter what obstacles arise you can always work them out. We made it Mike! Good luck "Doug"!



John Fredrick Bigger

"King Lear, Rodriquez"
West Milford NJ

RDG member; Pep band 4, 3, 2, 1; Regimental band 4, 3, 2, 1

John came to VMI a rat that was ready to go right into the army. But after just a short while he quickly discarded that idea and began his grand pursuit of the easy life. If VMI had offered a degree in socializing, John would have gotten it. John exhibited a partying style, a flare not easy to describe. He believed in the weekend cocktail, even after the Institute tried to curb him of it by giving him a number one. Rooming with John was an experience that made VMI bearable. Thank you John for being a good friend and having a listening ear. RVL 81

To Mom and Dad-thanks, you're the greatest! To DEB and Tom (and Jan)-you all made life easier, and finally to Suzanne, whose support helped to make this graduation possible. I love you all! JFB '81 PS Jamie and Bruce-thanks



William Howard Bird

"Little Bird, Birdman, Skinny, Beesh"
Roanoke, VA.
Econ.-Air Force

Track 4, 3, 2; Cross Country 4, 3, 2; B.B.T.C.-1; American Sports Car Club-1; Tracy Boogie Boosters-2; Super Bee Fan Club-4, 3, 2, 1; Letcher Ave. Dragsters-1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1

Four years of struggling academically at the big "I", but I have finally made it. VMI has meant a lot to me and I am proud to call myself an alumnus. Martin and Tom always walk with your heads high, for you are now VMI men. Thanks go to my parents for never giving up on me. Thanks to my good friends that I had some great times with. Thank - you Super Bee for all the fun you have given me. Finally I want to thank the most, important person during all my years at VMI-Sherri. You are all the woman I needed and without your love and devotion I could not have made it. Pride-Honor-Unity. Good luck "81" in all you strive for

Dykes: 1978: Greg Larson, Nick Francis
1984: John "The Rock" Brown, Tim (TS) Melvin Lance "Boo Boo" McComas



DYKES 1978: Jim Doyle
1984: Jamie Shoemaker, Bruce Hauck



DYKES 1978: Dennis Long
1984: Martin Heisrath and Tom Gillespie





Douglas Corriher Blowe

"Horse, AC/DC, Cottontail, Tongue, Sex"
Statesville, North Carolina
History/Biology, Navy Special Student

Fencing 3, 2, 1,- Tri captain 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Timmon's 4, 3, 2, Sec./Treas. 1; 400 Club,; VMI Campaign 1; Karate Club 4; S.S. 4, 3, 2, 1; 5 year plan 1, 1A; BAC 2, 1; Ghettoids 4, 3, 2, 1.

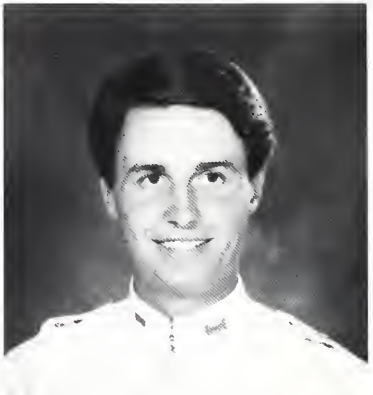
My first 4 years have been 'confining' but fun and I'm sure that my 5th year will be as enjoyable? I wouldn't have made it this far without Chris, Plaz, Sis, Mom, Dad and Col. Reeves who helped me through my trying times.

I want to thank the Commandant's office and the tactical staff because of their kind treatment towards me. I guess they thought that I was a very 'special' guy (because I got enough of them!).

I also want to thank Ann, Terri, Lynn, Paula, Carey, Linda, Mandy, Robin, Sue, Anna, Cathy, and most especially Ann-Marie, who made the long years a little more bearable.

Roads go ever ever on,
Over rock and under tree,
By caves where never sun has shown,
By streams that never find the sea;
Over snow by winter sown,
And through the merry flowers of June,
Over grass and over stone,
And under mountains in the Moon.

-Tolkien



Robert Lee Bobbitt Jr.

"Kahlua, Baby, Blob"
Teqursta, Florida
Civil Engineering, Army Corps of Engineers

Lacrosse 4, 2, 1; Swimming Team 3, 2; Water Polo 3, 2; Hop and Floor Committee 4, 3, 2, 1; Newspaper Distribution staff 1; Yacht Club member 3; ASCE 3, 2, 1.

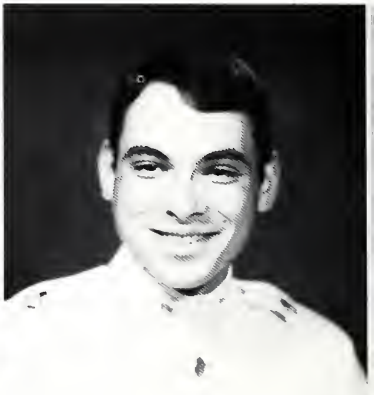
Bob came to VMI from the bright light of Rocky Mount. In his back pocket he brought stories of wonderous adventures and tales of debouchery. Rat year indeed proved to be an awakening for our dear friend as he first realized what his ears looked like. With some minor adjustments Bob made it through the Rat Line with a Master's in confinement checks.

Second class year he managed to gain a membership into the exclusive 18 Club. O-o-oh Boooby give us a break. His social lite was currailen by a hornet in his shorts -- boy what a mess! His wounds were nursed by many a local lass in his Hooterville penthouse.

He returned a firstie after a summer of surfing. Then there were the joyful days of land cruising -- we're still recovering.

Well Bob you're a splendid bloke and it's been great. Best of luck and the happier times. Godspeed.

I could never have met the challenges of the Institute without the help of many good friends and the never ending support of the most wonderful person in the world. I am so lucky to have in my life, Mavis. I can never thank you enough.



Adrian Thomas Bogart III

"Boges, Bogey, Chip, A.T."
Civil Engineering-Army-Infantry

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 1LT. F. Co. XO 1; Cadre 4, 3, 2, 1; Posit Committee 1; Ranger Platoon 4, 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 2; AAP L 4, 3, 2, 1; 234 Three Way Club; Bermuda Sabbatical 3, 2; Derelict 4, 3, 2, 1

There is much to say about VMI and there is much to remember, and those who have walked in the courtyards as cadets can understand what I mean. Excellance in all, pride with foundation, loyalty, love of life, and outstanding honor are the traits that have been instilled in all of us. There have been times of lonliness, overwhelming excitement, stagnation, and love, and the end result has been a responsible maturity.

For me there are many to thank; family, Brother Rats, friends, and most of all my Mother and Father. Without them, I would have been nothing.

I find that my four years at VMI have been extremely worthwhile, and as I exit that Arch for the final time, I know that I will never leave, for I will always drift back to sacred memories of the Institute.

DYKES 1978: Frank Fountain
1984: John (Rivethead) Rivera
Eric (Pony) Sorrels



DYKES 1978: Gary Brumback
1984: Ricky Wyatt



DYKES 1978: Carl K. Esche, Jr.
1984: David J. Adams





Paul Benjamin Boulden

"Lead Foot, PB, SB, Kelvin"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Navy-Submarine

Ski Club 4; College Republicans 4; SAME 4, 3; Roadrunners 3, 2; Pistol Team; CFIEEE; Explorers 3; Room Wrestling 3, 2, 1; Fire Fighters 1; Deans List

After coming to VMI with much encouragement to enjoy "college life", it did not take long for me to recognize the wisdom of the saying "It is a good place to be from." Looking back over these four years spent anxious to get away, I realize how good these years have been. Amid the confinement checks and disapproved permits, there are some very special memories; wrecked rooms, stoop climbing, Lee Chapel, and RR runs will live forever in my memory as will my brother rats who shared in them. Thank you brother rats for your support; especially thank you George, Alex, Mat, and Terrell. Thanks Mom and Dad for always being there and for letting me make my own mistakes. Most of all, thank you God for the most precious and beautiful part of my life - Tammy.



Gary Michael Bowman

Roanoke, Virginia
History, Economics-Army-Armor

Debate Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain 2; State Champion 3; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Deans List 4, 3, 2; Brass Ensemble 4, 3; Director 3; *Cadet* Staff 4, 3; Marshall Foundation Scholar 2; Honors in History 4, 3; Businessman's Association 1

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced not cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horros of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

--INVICTUS



Edward Joseph Boylan

"Ed, Ted, E.B., Et-Wat"
Lynchburg, Virginia
History- Army-Field Artillery

Swimming 4; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2, 1; Cadet Battery 2, 1; Ring Figure Committee; Drug Advisory Council; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; V.P.-Summer Poker Club; Rat Training Company XO; Cadet Assistant; Radford Road Crew; Linda 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's Other List.

Four years at the "I" have been an experience beyond compare. Though most of my stay here was rough, I take with me fond memories of times I have spent with my roommates and friends that seem to make my cadetship all worthwhile. Thanks Gorv, Tum, and Org for being the best roommates I could have. I'd like to thank my family for their support and for putting up with my heartaches. Thanks also to Linda, who saw enough in me to stay by me these last 4 years. Special thanks go to my Mom and Dad, whose unselfish love and support helped me through this place. They were always there when I needed it most. To VMI, oh well, Goodbye Barracks, hello Moody Hall!

DYKES: 1978: Tim Berkhimer
1984: Tom Ferguson

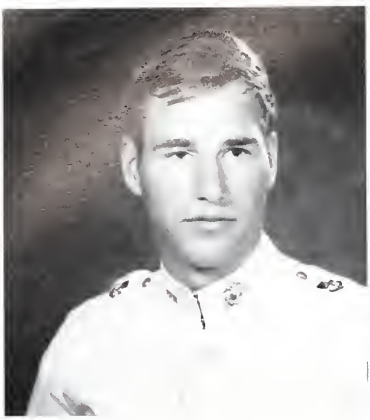


DYKES1978: Jack Wright
1984: Donny Craighead



DYKES1978: Jim Cure
1984: Matt Garten, Danny Grinnell





Paul Willard Brier

"P.W., P.T., K.D., A.G."
Alexandria, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Marine Corps

CPl. 3; SGT. 2; PVT. 1; Rat Training Company Commander Lacrosse 3, 2, 1; Marine Scholarship 4, 3, 2, 1; Marine Detachment 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Rat CO. SGT. 2; Advertising MGT.; VMI *CADET* 2; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Dyke School Professor 2; A different girl for every hop; Impeached 1.

Paul came to VMI from yankee, Virginia and from the start he had strong Marine Corps tendencies. From altering blotters to dancing on table tops, Paul has left his mark in many places. Paul probably broke more windows than the atom bomb that hit Hiroshima.

Old "K.D." has calmed down quite a bit since his days as a rat, and now is almost normal. He would be normal if he had to study like the rest of the corps.

Paul continued to amaze us second class year, never going out with the same girl twice. How he was able to stay out of hot water we'll never know. Just lucky, we suppose.

Paul has been an interesting person, a great brother rat, a good friend, and owner of the cleanest face in barracks for the last four years. See you in Moody Hall, bubba.

J.E.H. '81



Steven Michael Brouse

"Buddy, Bruce"
Downingtown, Pennsylvania
History-Army-Armor

Cpl; Sgt; Lt; Circle K Club 3, 2, 1, (Treas, 2, 1); Lacrosse 3; RFYL 4, 2; Flag Football 1; Ring Figure '81 Construction Committee Chairman 2; "Slam" Brothers 2; "Curse of Richmond" 1, 2, 3.

What does one say after going through four long, hard years of pure Hell? I guess there is really no answer to that question except that we made it! All of us together, that's something we can really be proud of. We saw good times and bad times Chuck, Andy and "Piggy". I'll never forget the 'boys'. Take care 'y' all.

Mom, Dad, and Ron, I couldn't have made it without you. Thanks for all the love and encouragement. God knows I needed a lot. Special thanks to you Aunt Pat, and everybody who made it possible. So BR's we must part. God bless you all.



Edward Lotz Brown

"Ebo, Uptown, Brush, Fast Eddie, Eddie Ayzhoe"
Norfolk, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army Engineers

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 4; Cadet Newspaper Distribution Staff 4, 2, 1; Spec. 4; Garcia Fan Club 2½; Roadrunners Club 3; RFYL 4, 3, 2, 1; Hole in the Wall Gang 2, 1; Ring Figure Behind the ring backdrop Committee (chairman); Summer School 2½; Cadet Assistant 1

When my parents asked, "But Eddie, why VMI," it sure sounded like a good question. But it did not take long to convince myself that it was the right move.

I held live-in interviews for three semesters to find the right roommates. I finally settled on the instigatingest, civiliannest dude in barracks, and shortly after added the coolest ranker and the most whipped engineer I knew. The Admirals son, Sport, and P.W.W. provided enough entertainment to keep me out of the books and on a constant weekend.

I thank VMI for changing me in many beneficial ways. Only my reliance on a constant dose of support from a loving home could have pulled me through. I love you Mom, Dad, and Celia, thanks for making me feel worth all the trouble.

EBO

DYKES 1978: Mark Engle
1984: V. Clark
D. Tarney



DYKES: 1978: J.E. "Ned" Riester
1984: Eddie Adkins



DYKES 1978: Terry McKnight
1984: Jay Mapp





James William Brown, Jr.

"Jim"
Williamsport, Maryland
Economics-Infantry-Army

Cross Country Monogram 4; Indoor and Outdoor Track 4; President Orienteering Club 3, 2, 1; President Road Runners Club 3, 2, 1; President Explorer Post 2; Tanker Plt. 2; RFYL 1; Weight Training 1

It has been a long hard grind for all of us, but it has had its good times too. I was very fortunate in having the best roomates possible for these four years. Gary, Dave, Jake, and Bob: a person could not hope for better friends than you have been.

Lastly, I would like to thank my family. Mom and Dad without your love and support I could never have made it Thanks.

DYKES 1978: Bill Greg
1984: Rodney Winebrenner



Mark Frank Brumenschenkel

"Brumie, The Neck"
Mansfield, Ohio
CE, Army CE

Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 4; Dipper 4, 3, 2, 1; Unauthorized Car Club 2; S.P.S. 2, 1; Corporal 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1;

Don't ask us how this Ohio farm boy ever heard of the Big I, but August 1977 found him with a shaved head and a Rat Bible. Devoted and determined, he grappled his way towards a national wrestling title only to be thwarted by an unfortunate neck injury. The "Neck" was quick to bounce back to stardom as the Watts -- Line King (Long Distance - the next best things to Late Supper?).

Brumie's uninhibited spirit of adventure lead to intense road tripping to the Briar and Hollins - Globe trotting in Coach's luxurious VW Camper! But this free spirit seemed to have an affinity for confinement - much to our distress.

Second class year brought tidings of great sorrow in our "Dear Brumie" letter but our amazing hero soon found bliss with Lori, a sparkling maiden from the distant shire of Mansburg. A true diamond in the rough - loved those jokes! It was a match designed in heaven.

It has been great Brumie-head. Best of luck from deep within our hearts.

P.S. Keep your huggers dry.

A special thanks to Mom and Dad for seeing me through VMI with encouragement. Also, thanks Brad for the guidance. My roomates, you've been true comrades.

DYKES 1978: Brad Baker and Ned Stepanovich
1984: James Dillon



Paul D. Bryant

Newport News, Virginia
Civil Engineering, Air Force Engineer

VMI Theatre 4, 3; Arnold Air Society 3, 1.

I would like to thank my parents for their unending encouragement, and my faculty advisor, without who I never would have made it.

DYKE 1977: Keith Kowaldo









John H. Budde

"Fuzzy, Big John"
Cincinnati, Ohio
English, Army Armor

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Moeller Steamroller 4, 3, 2, 1; English Society 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Class Advisory Committee 2, 1; Cincy pr Bust Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

I write "to bury" John Budde, "not to praise him." He passed away from his Cincinatti residence on August 13, 1977 after receiving a football scholarship to VMI. He is the beloved son to Elmer and Lucy A. Budde, devoted brother of Gerald and Linda. Frienda were reminded they could not call and had to write. The departing service was a beautiful one, but the next four years were not eternal rest, by any stretch of the imaginaiion.

My life at VMI often functioned with clock work precision. Driving nine hours would seem like minutes and returning would wind me up again. The many experiences I went through are alive in my memory; The bad pains and the good times are now. "Time is a remedy for the pain," but the present pain killer for me now is the VMI diploma.

I would like to sincerely thank the dearly beloved -- my super family, the Cincinatti gang, and everyone at VMI. Thank You God. Amen.



Elmer Carson Burgess Jr.

"Butch, Burgy, Rackmaster"
Newport News, Virginia
Electrical Engineering, Air Force Shafted

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Lt. 1; Parachute Club 4; 234 3-Way Club 2; Founding Member TTA 2; BSU 4, 3, 2, 1; RFYL 3, 2, 1; "Chump Cheering Squad 2, 1.

As for every cadet as well as myself, VMI has been a struggle. A striving for academics and military excellence while trying to preserve our sanity. The struggle was not without its lighter moments of crazy stunts and attempts to beat the system, yet it all had its purpose. However, I cannot merit myself with completing VMI of my own record. Without my friends, family and BR's I would have never made it, thank you all. Special thanks go to my roomates, Bogie, Scott, and Rob who were more like brothers than friends. And to Dawn, my love, who was always there when I needed you. But far and above everyone else I want to thank you Mom, for it was you who never failed me. I hope I've made you proud of me.

Love,
Your Son



Larry Joseph Butler

"Butt, Fat Butt, Pookie Butt"
Suffolk, Virginia
Economics, Special Student

Sir Edmund Hillary Club 1; Patchin All American Club 2, 1; Football 4, 3; RDC 1; Baseball 3.

Audrey may have know what her young son was about to experience when they made that three and one half hour drive from the peanut fields of Soffolk to the mountains of Lexington, but Larry didn't. The peanut district's respected QB gave up his beloved 13 and accepted a crewcut and a spot in the big red machine's defensive backfield. He was playing with the varsity when the Junior Varsity was scheduled to play the University of Virginia. It "wasn't like him though" to want to play without his BR's, so he got permission to go and play alongside his friends. A bruising fackle on a UVa receiver left Butt with a shattered vertibrae in his neck. Unfortunately for his friends it took him out of barracks for a semester. It was a welcome sight to see Butt standin in the arch playing with his hair second class year. Since that day we've had some wild times, and many stories that cannot be repeated. Down through the years we'll remember Larry more as a brother than just a Brother Rat.

Alvin Bottoms

Well, it's finally time to get out of this place, and it couldn't have come any sooner. I'd really like to thank my Mom for backing me up and supporting me when I needed it most. The only other thing I've got to say is thank God it's over.

DYKES: 1978: Brad Baker
1984: John Long, Sam Motley



DYKES: 1978: Ron Topp
1984: Mike Montgomery



DYKES 1978: Bert Loflin
1984: Phillip Markley, Bob Chapman





James A. Byron

"Jamie, 7/8's"
New Cumberland, Pa.
Civil Engineering, Air Force Civil Engineer

Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; President, EIT Committee 1; Deb. 4, 3, 2, 1.

First, I want all my BR's to know "I survived A.T. Funkhouser," . . . for four years! In accomplishing this feat I have gained a friend for a lifetime. Of course everyone knows that Deb has survived me and VMI for four years and I have gained a friend and a wife for a lifetime. VMI has not been easy (especially when you're 35 married with two kids), but I made it on time! If not for Dr. Demento and plenty of anesthetics I might not have. I'm looking forward to seeing everything at our 5th reunion. Fletch, Mark and A.T. -- stay in touch. Thank you Mom for supporting me through this ordeal as you have through many others.

DYKES1978: Frank Palo
1984: Robert Bready





Kirk Stuart Cambell

"Kink, Crunch, Stinker"
Williamsburg, Virginia
Biology, Army

Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1, Co-Captain 1; Water Polo 4, 3, 2, 1, President 1; Firefighting 3; "32" Club 3, 2, 1; Sir Edmund Hillery Club; Monogram Club.

I moved in with Kirk after my third class year. I really didn't know what to expect but I found out when he pulled a six-pack of Bud, out of his bag, The next full year there was almost a party in the room every weekend. Kirk was fairly quiet until he smelled alcohol. Most of the parties were thrown by Kink because *I can't even remember* when he had his privileges, or if he ever did, of for that fact when he was off confinement the last time! So I guess the parties in the room were necessary for him to keep his sanity (Lord knows why we were never caught). Moving in to our first class year we are presented with many memorable nights of the "Doors" (Ugh!), Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison, and such profound statements as "Dickie, where are my car keys?" "I have them Kink" . . . 30 seconds later "Dickie, where are my car keys?" . . . and "I can't go to sleep until I find my glasses."

Well Kink you made it this far (45 demerits later) let's see if you can make it the next 11 weeks of the semester: The room can't afford to lose such a good friend. Are you sure you are going career Army?

DEB

Thanks for the love and support Mom, Dad, Clay, Bruce and Missy, and friends. I'll never forget.

KSC

DYKES1978: Gary 'Synder' Snyder
1984: Rick "Gnip Gnop" Canipe





James Kevin Canfield

"J.K."
Richmond, Virginia
History-Marine-Pilot-Special Student

Glee Club 4; Lacrosse 3; Pub Club "325" 3; Social Club 2; Pistol Team 2, 1; Country Club 1; Ring Figure Committee 2; Country Boy 4, 3, 2, 1

17 August 1977. A poor country boy who was dropped at the Institute by his loving parents who had good intentions. The haircut didn't stop him nor the Rat Line. He was a deviate at heart and terribly adventurous, always seeking to break the rules while escaping the long arm of the "I." The rat line ended, the summer came, and then the future "Ghetto" gang formed, a laid back wild group of old boys never meaning no harm. We were trouble makers in a tactful or sly way. While seconds we continued to enjoy ourselves playing and sometimes studying. The much awaited year came - college seniors at last, dykes to wake you up too early and to keep you in trouble. Thanks to support from Malinda it made life worth living. Thanks mom and dad, it was a real trip! I'm glad it's over! Now on to face life and search for my life's calling or dream, to live the endless list of desires of happiness.

DYKES1978: Paul E. Campbell
1984: Bob "Doc" Doyle
Bill "Booboo" Powell





Jeffrey Elliott Carter

"Hurricane, Thee Jeffrey, Cone-Head, Jeffrey-B"
Ruby (Stafford County), Virginia
History, Army, Infantry

Indoor Track 4, 2; Outdoor Track 4, 2; Cadet Waiters 2, 1; Head Cadet Waiter 1; College Republicans 4; Ghetto Corner 2, 1; Rat Patrol 4; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat-Line Hater 4, 3, 2, 1; Alumnus.

As Rats Jeff and I realized that the frustrations of VMI life could be effectively calmed by taking them out on each other (or sometimes Bry). After a semester at NVCC, Jeff returned 3rd class year ready to right all the wrongs that had ever been perpetuated against the Corps. He even met with limited success.

Jeffrey-B has truly earned his degree, with a more thourough understanding of history than most. However he has never been one to let his academics stand in the way of his education.

If you ever need a good idea, some intelligent conversation, a crazy scheme, for a good looking date for the next Hop, Thee Jeffrey will surely oblige.

ECL

Thank you Lord, Dad, Mom, Uncle Josh, Grandpa, and all the family



John Robert Cawthorne

"J.C., Tree, Hoon, G.B."
Colonial Heights, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force

Grub Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4, 3, 2; RFYL 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Civil War Roundtable 4; College Republicans 4; Circle K Club 3; Messhall Committee 1; "Bag Brothers" 2, 1; GCR Club 2, 1; "Airborne" 3, 2, 1; Preppie 3, 2, 1

I'm trying to think of someway I can write everything I need to say without sounding corny. But I can't. I guess I'll just have to be frank and come right out with it.

I've loved it here. From beginning to end. Sure there have been times when it wasn't so great, but I wouldn't trade my four years here for anything else in the world. The friends you make here and the experiences you share make all other schools pale in comparison. It is my firm belief that you learn many valuable things here that are unobtainable elsewhere.

I would like to thank my parents and my two beautiful sisters for their love and support. I would like to thank Senator Elmon Gray for his help. Lastly, I thank the VMI - for everything.



Randall Brian Cheek

"Randy, RB, Randell, Cheekie"
Capitol Heights, Maryland
Electrical Engineering-Army-Infantry

IEEE 2, 1; BSU Council 2, 1; AUSU 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2

When I came here four years ago, I did not know what to expect. Now as I leave I still cannot believe some of the things that actually go on here. VMI is experience you must go through before it can be appreciated. It will probably even take me a long time before I fully appreciate it. I am glad that I came to the Institute. For though there have been some bad times, most of my memories of this place will be good ones.

I have made many friends here, and they have all helped in some way to make VMI more bearable. I will miss everyone of them. There is one person in particular that I would like to mention. I first met Bobby T. in the matriculation line four years ago and we have stuck together ever since. You could not ask for a better roommate than him. Also a special thanks to the Troll, the Cretin Man, and the Scottish Wop for three great years.

Thanks Mom and Dad for all your support and patience. I love you both very much.

God bless VMI.

DYKES 1978: David M. Cameron
1984: Jeffrey A. Duncan



DYKES 1978: Ed Johnson
1984 Christopher Busse
Jim Hoy







Charles Lawrence Chipley, III

"Chip, Gunsmoke"
Frederick, Maryland
Mathematics-Navy-Nuclear Power

Pvt 4, 1; Sgt 2; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 3, 2, 1; Math Students Assn 4, 3; VMI Lutherans 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Platoon 3, 1; Twin Falls Diving Club 1; Marathon 1.

Chip came to VMI and went through almost every company before settling into Bravo as "Lookout Tower". As if his height didn't draw enough attention to him, he had to put a .45 through his hand (We knew you did it on purpose!). After getting a "neglect of self" bone for going through breakout with a well-ventilated hand, he finished rat year with a 3.8 GPA. For the next two years he watched his grades take a dive while he spent his NS checks in the canteen (but the "Chipley Room", #462, was gone!). His Senior year he "Cruised" through falling in love every weekend. Good luck, Chip.



George T. Chung

"Chung, Chink, Chuuunnngg"
Frederick, Maryland
EE (Easy Elective) - SS

Big Boys Club 3, 2, 1; Secretary and Treasurer of Chinese Society 4, 3, 2; VMI Radio Study Room 3, 2, 1; SPS 4, 3, 2, 1; IEEE 3, 2, 1; BSU 4, 1; Math Club 4, 3.

The fact that Chung made it through VMI proves that:
A. Chinamen are physical studs (not likely).
B. Chinese get good with assistant commandments (likely).
C. Anybody who takes weekends for the purpose of attending the Moon's birthday automatically makes it through VMI (true).

Whether it was his philosophy of life (everybody is out to screw you) or his way of studying (glasses suspended by rubberhands from the ceiling to keep the pressure off his nose), you could tell it was Chung. Then there was his language, "me no understand English." But mostly he'll be remembered for being one of the Radio Room gang, along with Butch, Ray, and Prof. But after VMI, he says he'll settle for a tug boat. But whatever kind of boat you decide to live on, we all wish you the best of Luck.



Robert Francis Cliff II

"Bob, Various Unmentionables"
McLean, Virginia
Economics-Army-Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 4, 1; Copenhagen Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Century Club 4, 3, 2; Rat Hater 3, 1, Ring Construction Committee 2; Summer School 4, 3, 2; Coming Back Club; Cynic 4, 3, 2, 1; Rifle Team 4; TCCTC 3; Wish I Were In Blacksburg 4, 3, 2, 1

I came to VMI in 1977, thinking that VMI was the place for the military minded. Now I realize how wrong I was! If I had it all to do over again, VMI would not figure in my plans.

When I finally graduate from this place, I'm not making any plans to look back. The friends I've made here are great- and proved to be more of a help than I can ever say. Special thanks go to Mike, Ed, and Fred- even though we've had our moments.

Finally, very special thanks go to my parents for putting up with me- a MAJOR task at times. And Maura, what can I say? Kid, you're GREAT! Good luck Jay and Alain- chances are you'll need it. Bye-bye VMI- if I ever see you again it'll be too soon.

DYKES1978: Tony "Baretta" Pileggi
1984: Tom "Phantom Dyke" Butner



DYKE 1984: J.N. Simon



DYKES1978. Mike Oelrich
1984: Jerome Brinkley





Robert Michael Cody

"Buffalo Bob, Commander Cody, Butter"
Shelton, Connecticut
History-Marine Corps

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Platoon 3, 2, 1; *VMI Cadet* 3, 2, 1; Student Grotto 3; Marine PLC 4, 1; Deans Other List 3, 2, 1; Summer In Lexington Club 4, 3; Circulation Staff 1; Mannherz's Laundry 4, 3, 2, 1

For the past four years I have been a question I am still unable to answer- why VMI? Though I can't pinpoint the reason for putting myself through countless hours of abuse, I am aware of one thing- that coming to VMI was the wisest decision of my life. I firmly believe that no other school in the country can combine the good times, hard times, and most of all, the brotherhood one can experience here. I've learned a lot about myself in the past four years . . . the good times will stay with me forever, and I'll keep the friends I made as long.

I owe many people a great deal of gratitude for helping me when times got rough and adding encouragement when it looked as though a VMI diploma would be the last thing to cross my path. Heading the list is of course my parents, who entered their own Rat Line on August 17, 1977 and didn't break out until May 16, 1981. Kathy, though she spent a semester overseas, made my last two years memorable. Congratulations and best wishes to Hammer, the Kid, Nuts, John, and all my Brother Rats.

"There is no failure, except in no longer trying"-Elbert Hubbard

DYKES1977: Greg Leck, Walt Mannherz, Paul Green
1984: Garret Scott-Miller





Michael James Colgan

"Puff"
Bowie, Maryland
Civil Engineering- Air Force

Cpl 3, MSGT 2; 1st Batt. XO 1; Tennis Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain 2, 1; Cadet Program Board 3, 2, 1; Posit Comm. 1; President 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Activities Comm 2, 1; Class Treasurer 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1.

Four years are almost up and it seems like it just began. I'll never forget that day in August when I first arrived, especially those first few hours. It would have been impossible without the support of Dad, Mom, Brian, and Erin. Of course there was the constant flow of letters from Grandma C. and L., Sharon, Linda, and "Creeps". Without their love and faith I would have been home Friday during cadre.

Throughout the course of my cadetship I've been blessed with the friends I've met. My rat year, one that stood above all was Col. Jamison. Tennis coach, faculty adviser, and constant friend, you and Mrs. Jamison are second parents to me. Of course there are my brother rats. Clay, Vee, and Lou, what a bunch of room mates. Murph, Steve, Bob, etc., I appreciate everything you've given me. I can't forget Doc or my dykes Bob and Tex. I'll never give up the memories or the friendships I have.

Thanks again, especially Mom and Dad, I love you very much.

DYKES1978: Chris Brock
1984: Tex Maxwell





Garrett George Collins

"Garry, Bubby, Cold Steel"
Aquia Harbor, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Air Force-Pilot

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Cadet Waiters 3, 2, 1; Assistant Head Waiter 1; Rugby 2, 1; Firefighters 3; Weight Room Supervisor 3; '81 Ring Figure Rock Painting Commando Team

Frederick Langbridge wrote:
"Two men look through the same bars:
One sees the mud, and one the stars."

After four years of seeing overcast skies through these bars, looking up has paid off. The future looks bright again. I can't complain too much though, there were many sun showeres. I hope this has been a worthwhile experience. I wouldn't want to waste my "citizen-soldiership." The friends I've gained here made the whole "ordeal" worthwhile. Thank you Steve and Matt for livening up these past 2½ years. Let's keep in touch.

Special thanks go to Mom and Dad of course. Without your support, financially and morally, I'd have never made it. I hope I can repay you someway, someday. Thank you Carol for the memories and letters, your support and understanding has been great.

Now to follow these stars.

DYKES1978: Mark Bottomly
1984: Barry McFadden
Cecil Criss





Richard John Commerford

"Dick, Buford, Eggface, Face, Ford, Buf, Stain"
Germantown, Tennesee
Economics-Army-Armor

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; IRC 3, 2; VPI Young Economists 2, 1; AUSA 4, 3; TGJ Chairman 2, 1; Maury I, II, III; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; "40" Club President 1; EC-GC Secretary 1; Mad Dog Fan Club 2, 1

Second class year Dick and I were thrown together (along with Poppa Jolo) into a 3-man room! Always easy to get along with, "Ford" and the boys sought serenity away from the immense mental pressures of the economics curriculum through regular "X-checks". Looking back, I don't know how we survived Second class year wi thout the godsend of the unconfined-F.C.P. A pizza-eating contest winner, Dick relished his jaunts to "The Hut". Throughout thick and thin (mostly thick) Dick has been a true Brother Rat. I wish him only the very best in the future. B.B.M.

I want to thank or blame as the case might be the following people: Mom and Pop, Dan I guess for introducing me to this place, Jolo and Bomber for some good times, and finally Elvis.



Joseph H. Conduff, Jr

"Howie"
Floyd, Va.
Biology- Army- Armor

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; 2nd Lieut. 1; Pre-Med Society 3, 2; 2nd Class Dum Major 2; Pep Band 4, 3; Radford Road Club 2, 1.

On Aug. 17, 1977 I entered VMI as a lonely and scared rat. After maturing a little bit, and realizing why I was here, I decided to try and make the best of it. I've had some bad times, and some good times, and the good times greatly overshadow the bad times. I've met some truly great friends, and I will cherish their friendship the rest of my life. Without these friends, I could not have survived.

The biggest asset I had and still do is my parents who urged me on during the bad times, and praised me during the good times. Thanks Grandma's, Mom, Dad, and Sister for everything you have done.

Finally, I would like to say one thing to my father: "Yes dad I'm glad I came to VMI."



Johann Forster Cooper

"Jew", YO-YO, Cooperburg, "Coop"
West Hartford, Ct.
Civil Engineering-Army-Engineers

Ski Club-4, Explorer Post-3, 2, 1; ASCE-4, 3, 2, 1; Scuba-2, 1; Pvt.-4, 3, 2, 1; French Airborne Ranger

Even if you never took showers as a rat, the girls still thought you were the greatest . . . Your body hasn't grown any even though you've spent enough time looking at yourself in the mirror. Your proficiency in free style wrestling has risen as high as your GPA, but there isn't a scale that can measure the fun time we had hitchhiking back from Mary Baldwin, draining two kegs in Hartford, chasing those Virginia Beach girls and wasting time in Boston.

Four years ago, Johann came to VMI a motivated engineer with an unmatched love for science fiction and fast cars. As he pressed up that "hill of science", he learned that he was going to get his share of falling rocks. Nevertheless, Johann reached the top and is ready to go out and make his fortune. You are a real friend and brother rat.

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Omi for your love, devotion and consideration, without you I couldn't have made it.

DYKES 1978: Craig Larrimore
1984: Scott Wilson, Kyle Siniski



DYKES 1978: Ollie
1984: John Shannon



DYKES 1978: John Tucker
1984: Jeff Reagan





Norman Michael Cortese

"Stormn', Gooseneck, Worm, Manuel"
Clark, New Jersey
Chemistry, Air Force, Pilot

"All Pro" 4, 3; Pvt. 75, 76; Civilian 77, 78 79; Pvt. 79, 80 81; A.C.S. 1, Karate 2, 1; Handball 1; "Autopilot" 1.

The V.M.I. experiences I have known from matriculation 1974 until graduation 1981, could fill a book. In, retrospect, I know only gratitude and appreciation to those whose influence and faith in my capabilities made my goals possible. I would like to thank, for their guidance.

Col. Buchanan ("sir"), Coach King, Lt. Col. Blakley, Capt. Moyer, Gene Wise, and the unparalled members of his staff.

Thank you, members of the Corps 78, 81 especially Mark Seely, Tim Berkheimer, Mark Gentile, Glen Smith, Mark Kanter, John Ditillo, Tom Albro, Steve Thomas.

Your friendship meant my secess Phyllis, words here could not explain the changes you"ve caused in my life.

My deepest love and thanks belong to my family for their constant support, patience and dedication when I needed them most. You were always there. Thanks.

Exit 78

P.S. Mary,
I made it anyway baby, graduation 81!



William Robert Costello, Jr.

"Robbie, Cos, Lobes"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Physics-Navy-Who Knows?

Navy Scholarship 4, 3, 2, 1; Color Guard 2; M.C. Third Class Follies 3; Academically Extinguished 4; V bar and grill 4, 3, 2, 1; CBC 2, 1; MBC club 2, 1; Cabin Party Survivor 2, 1; Dean's Dippers Secretary-Treasurer 3, 2, 1; Mosby's Gang 1; Hop and Floor Comm 1.

Three years in room 22 comes to end. It's been a long trip down. I wish I could recall all the crazy things we've done-Joe, Cos, Danny, Carl, and Eddie. Must've been the wierdest room in barracks- almost. Remember Dizzy, bear-parties, sweat-parties, shoot-downs, cracker-warfare, hay warfare, snoring, liverpool rummy, Follies, Ring Figure, basketball, volleyball, MBC, Spencer 3, summer school, cabin parties, Duck's, Dixie, our bowling alley, the Olde Country, Va Beach, and "shooting bulls.". I hope I don't forget. Guess we've got a lot in common, wouldn't you say? The best years of our lives? That remains to be seen. Give Jen my love, and save a little for yourself. See you again sometime, OK?

DBD

Thanks to all those special people who made graduation possible! Mom and Dad- Thanks for raising me right!



Martin Neal Cristo

"Count"
Warren, Ohio
Civil Engineering-Slovak National Guard

Varsity Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; 01 Club 3, 2, 1; Major Meager Fan Club 2, 1; Sub-Cult. 3, 2; Ronskin Mode 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1

Be civil to all, sociable to many, familiar with few.- B. Franklin

Being an engineer, I've worked with numbers for so long that it is difficult to express myself in words and more difficult to only use 140 of them. But I'll take a stab at it. If all that follows sounds trite, you'll get over it.

VMI, often I've hated it, buy in 4 years I've never regretted being here. And guys like Drew, Satch, and Bern have made my visit worthwhile. Your friendship and loyalty will always be cherished. Tom, Doc, Slim, Roomies-Vas, Train, Weiner, and Hinsh, we'll have some great memories. You all are the REAL men here. The others are just phonies. Thanks Walt and family, you're special.

Further thanks must go to the most important people in my life. Mom and Dad, thanks for the love, patience, and $$$. I couldn't have made it without you. Sue, Aunts Tootsie, Anka, and Thelma, Uncle Andy, Al and the Muehlbauers, thanks for the support. I love all of you.

Lastly Paula darlin', I love you!! Let's call it four years and make it a lifetime.

God Bless All of You MNC '81

DYKES: 1975 Mathew Dibiase
1984 Charles Budsinski

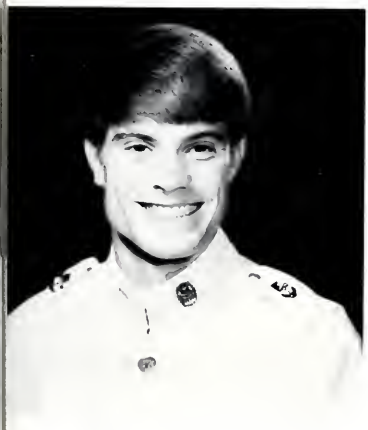


DYKES 1978: Pete Manoso
1984: Jim Moore



DYKES 1978: Dave "Mongo" Montgomery
1984: Mark Deibert





Louis Reams Darden

"Bird Legs, Bulkman, Gooie, Lou, Louie"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics-Air Force-Navigator

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Summer School 4, 3, 2, 1(?); Scuba Club 1; V. Football 3, 2, 1; J.V. Football 4; German Club 3; Goshen Pass Lover 2, 1.

Thanks Mom and Dad for being understanding and giving me the chance to challenge VMI. Randy, I wouldn't have made it without you going first. Thanks for catching at Kanawha. It paid off. You paved the way for me. Craig (Tweety) thanks a million for everything. Good luck with pro ball. Go NFL! Football memories will always be with me. My Parents never missed a game. Thanks Weenie Miller for bringing VMI vs. Georgia to my Mom, she bypassed that game. Time passed quickly at VMI (Thank God). I'll never forget the times I spent with such great friends: i.e. Scuba diving off Mike's Boat, Goshen Pass Parties, weekends at our little mountain hideaway. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and gang-Thanks for everything. Best of Luck V, Clay and Puff. VMI isn't that bad, it's worse-and its over!!!

Cccchhhheeewww



Mark Alden David

"CM, Big D, Slim, Merchant"
Salem, Virginia
Economics-Army-Armor

Cross Country and Track; Baptist Student Union 3, 2, 1; International Relations Club 3, 2, 1 (Treasurer); Explorer Post 3, 2, 1; Tag Team Wrestling 1; Girl Watchers 4, 3, 2, 1; Bomb Staff (Institute Editor)

Through many days I struggled with confueion, disapointment, hardship and on several brief occasions, joy. This "Four Year Project" at VMI was worth it. I will now enjoy a great advantage over my civilian counter parts in the Life ahead. The worst part of VMI will be leaving my friends, Bruce, Jim, take it easy on the women. Dean my 3 year roomate, good luck wherever you are. Tork, you should be sitting on top of a tall mountain giving advice to the needy, I really needed all of it you gave to me. Paul, see you in Roanoke. Mom and Dad, You put me through this and I'll never forgive you (or forget you). Thanks for the loving support and pride in me. Just for the record I really hate the nick name merchant.



Kevin Paul Davidson

"Cajun, Little One, Ragman"
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Civil Engineering-Air Force

Arnold Air Society 4, 3, 2, 1,; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2, Lt. 1; Pervert Corner 4, 3, 2, 1; Indoor and Outdoor Track 4, 3, 2; Cross Country 4, 3, 2; Cadre 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; D Co. Rat Training C.O.; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4, 3; Summer School 3, 2; DMA Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Midnight Twin Falls Jump 1.

I've roomed with Cajun whirlwind for two, far from dull years. He is one of the Corp's oldest men; but also one of the most energetic. His energy however wasn't always directed towards academics. He liked to repeat courses and spend summers at the "I". His energies were often devoted to running, good times, and his angel Daphne. Kevin's roommates thank Daphne for making the boy bearable.

KSO

He came from the bayous of La. at a ripe old age to find himself being yelled at by "kids"-beginning of a four year struggle. Out of this struggle came our motto, "I1 Legitimi Non Carborundun", which has sustained us. In the spirit of these words we have grown together as true friends, giving each other support in the ordinary and extraordinary moments that we've encountered together. NAK

Thanks Pop; Daphne-all my love

DYKES1978: Joseph Macon Brown
1984: David Edward Phillips

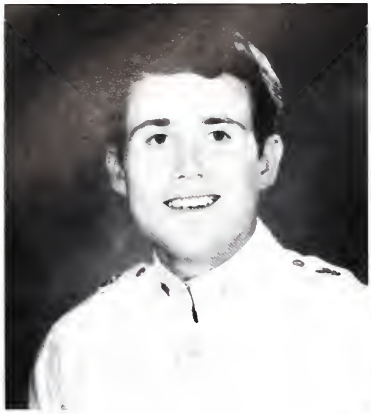


DYKES1978: Rex Wiggins
1984: Manual Mendez



DYKES1978: Bernie Reisbeck, Greg Arnet
1984. Chris Hively, Mike Highwater





Walter Jeffrey Davies

"Julio, Pan-face"
Suffolk, Va.
History, Army-Armor

Baseball 4, 3, 2; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat co. X-O 1; Institute Escort 1; OGA investigator 1; 139-141 Alliance 1.

The one thing that I distinctly remember about my rat year is that I was deathly afraid of Jeff. I kept a safe distance my third class year (539 miles) but somehow I was bamboozled into rooming with him my second class year. I trembled at the thought of living with a dreg from Suffolk but this predicament was actually enjoyable and beneficial. I found myself bombarded by savage but useful insults that I inturn used on my worse enemies. Jeff even taught me how to curse out an Air-Force officer. The wild man has mellowed since our rat year and we have shared many fine memories together. His friendship shall be one ot my most treasured possessions. KRM

To my family, all my love, you are the best. To the Nurneys, many thanks for the helping hand. Ann, for caring, and understanding, and tolerating, I love you!



Charles Paul Davis

"C.P., Ceeps, Paul, Duke"
Roanoke, Virginia
History-Army-Infantry

Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Private 4; Corporal 3; Sergeant/First Sergeant 2; Captain-"Mad Dog Delta" Co. Commander 1; DMS; Baseball 3, 2, 1; Hotel Roanoke Committee, Ring Figure '81; BSU 4, 3; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Krantz Piano Moving Co. Inc. 1; Star City Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Westhampton College Social Club; Captain King Fan Club 2, 1.

This loyal son of Roanoke came to the Institute convinced that if you were not from the valley, then you were not from any place he knew. After four years, CP has found that there is life outside Roanoke, and, not surprisingly, that he really is the All-American Boy. Excelling in every aspect of VMI life, military, athletics, academics, and shagging. Paul is both an example and a guide for others. Further, his sincere good will and extraordinary wit have comforted and enlightened many a bleak day for others in distress. Not to mention enchanted a score or two of the fairer sex. Possessing these qualities, Paul's success in life is assured.

WGL

To the special people in my life, thanks for your love and support. You will always play as much a part of my future as you have in my past.



Rodney Arthur de Grachy DeCorte

"George, The Wandering Jew, F-C-1-9, Rodney"
Purcellville, Virginia
Economics-Army-Armor

Swim Team 4; Tanker's 3, 2, 1; Private's Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Confinement Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Civilian Club 2 Years; Alumni Club 1 Year.

To Rod, J.B. Strange may have seemed like a Brother Rat, but he really hasn't been here that long. I met Rodney at the same time I encountered the Ando-graph and room 202. He lived on the second stoop somewhere; I always found him in 202 with Ando, Jeffery, Chuck, Paul and Jim-Bob. May all six of them plant many bench marks! After a short L.O.A. he appeared in summer school and had to endure finite with the three Tuckers. (or was that enjoy the Tuckers and endure Major Hartis). He, like most of us, grew tired of the games the Mother "I" played so well and went on L.O.A. (yes again) He was hoping to take to the water (under it actually). But becoming pro diver eluded him. Hence he did return to the womb of the "I" and a girl named Nancy.

Withers

DYKES 1978: Brion C. Smith
1981: Steve Woolwine, Jeff Levenson



DYKES 1978: Robby Burke
1984: Chip Aker
Keith Allen



DYKES 1976: Dennis Puckett
1984: David Bledsoe, Bach Long





Michael Clark Denton

"Neutron"
Mobile, Alabama
Economics-Navy-NFO

Private 4, 3, 2, 1!!; S-5 Staff 4; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 3, 2, 1; Hokie Patrol 3, 2, 1; Wrestling Manager 3, 2; 1981 Ring Figure Rock Painting Commando Team 2; Scuba Club 2, 1; Hole In The Wall Gang 2, 1;

I would like to begin by thanking my family for their love, support, and encouragement. Though I seldom wrote, you were all constantly in my mind and heart.

As a virgin private, I spent very little time on the rigors of the VMI military system. But, being patriotic from way back, I'm now off to the high seas. Once there, I'll think back on the good times: the Superintendent's box, House Mountain, Ring Figure, painting the 'Rock', a blind date with three Jersey girls?, Endo's 21st Cocke Hotel, the phones, the Frats, the road trips ! But more importantly, I'll recall the men with whom I have spent these four years. I am proud to stand among EBO, Johnny D., PWW, Sloppy, Dig (Ark-Ark), Endo, Meso, Coop, and all the men of my class.

"Those were the days my friends."



George Anthony Francesco Depaoli, Jr.

"Fat George, Teddy-Bear, Fat"
Vienna, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Special Student

V-Bar 4, Dean's Other List 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School 4, 3, 2; Crash Corner Club 2, 1; Teddy Bear club President 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

I entered the Institute confused and knowing that I needed a gentle shove now and then. I thank my dykes for keeping me sane during Rat year, and Dicky (which one is which?) Wiggs for the next three. Clinker (the Muix) Moss joined us, then we were three.

I'll never forget the good times I managed to sneak in, or the bad times that got me. I know that I'd never do it again, but nevertheless I'm glad I did.

Thanks Mom and Dad for being there and never giving up hope! And oh yes, to Fred and Armanda, the best teddy bears in the world, WE MADE IT!!!



Robert Murray Digby

"Dig, Squeeze"
Humble, Texas
Economics-Army-Infantry

Scuba Club 2, 1; AUSA 4, 3, 2; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Seals 2, 1; Rank 3, 2; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Rock Painters 2; Distinguished Military Student 1.

What can you expect from a Rat whose dyke was an intellectual grub private that dressed up in a Kangaroo suit once a week. You would probably expect him to march his Rat company through Washington Arch and spend many a late night at the Frats. Considering his Army Scholarship, his talents were used to command the French Rangers, evening-gun restoration crew, and Seals (ARK-ARK). No one could believe that he could scrounge, I mean earn, a 3.000 during three of four years. But Rob has done all of the above and much more - most of which is unprintable. As for the future, we expect Rob to go far, and as always we'll be right behind him.

MCD

I would especially like to thank my parents who made going to MVI possible.

TICO

DYKES1978: Billy Young
1984: Mac Morgan

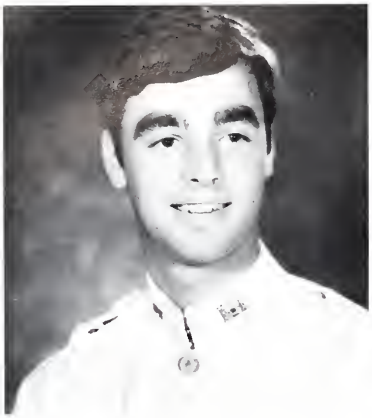


DYKES1978: Bob Senvey
1984: Robert Wilkinson



DYKES1978: Rick Wolfe (Snare)
1084: Jeff Pack, Zane Johnson





Frederick Douglas Dillard, III

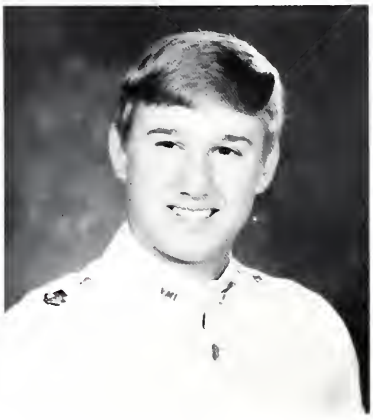
"Rosebud, Brows, DDMP, Caterpillar, Man, Dougie Dear"
Va. Beach, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-S.S.

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Varsity Rifle Team 3, 2, Captain 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2; Scuba Club President 2, 1; French Rangers 4, 3, 2, 1.

Doug overcame many obstacles his rat year which helped build his present character, but with his non-regulation hair and eyebrows we all knew he was an old cadet at heart. He tried his hand at many trades including psychanalyst, spy, hypnotist, DDMP, and piano player in Col Prilliman's after taps band; yet none of these were written in his Diary of Fate. If deeds make a man, then his accomplishments as shooter, SCUBA diver, scholar, and (sometimes) gentleman ranker clearly mark him for success. As a brother rat he made good times out of bad, and was always there to help a friend. Carry on Dougie Dear, "warp factor nine". "Sure you can." G.C.A.

Thanks Glenn, thanks roommates and friends, and most of all thanks mom and dad.

DYKES 1978: Dave Locuda
1984: Tom Adams, Greg McOuillan



John Theodore Ditillo

Roanoke, Virginia
Armor-Chemistry

American Chemical Society 4, 3, 2; Pres. 1; Hop and Floor 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2; DMS; Lejeune Hall Cadet Assistants Manager.

John, a man of many moods, sound effects and witty cracks will be missed after graduation in the weekday lives of his study buddies. The Day- Student has deprived our lot of his weekend company over the past two years, but don't fret Lisa, we hold no contempt. However, it is hard to forget study rooms and erasers, late night labs and erector sets, popcorn and road trips. Thanks for the job and remember, "Coatee is not authorized at BRC."

MJK

Mom and Dad. Thank you for your never ending encouragement and patience.

Lisa: My most sincere gratitude and never ending love goes to you without whom these last two years would have surely been long.

JTD

DYKES 1978: Bill McCampbell
1984: David Stevenson



John Harold Dixon

"Johnny, Sport"
Newport News, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force-Navigator

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; SAME 4, 3, 2; Assistant to VMI SID 3, 2, 1; Hop Escort Committee 3, 2, 1; (Chairman 1); Cpl. 3; Master Sgt. 2; Private (at last) 1; Hole In The Wall Gang 2, 1

Turning four years of life into 140 words seems so unfair. The only way I could possibly express my feelings would be through writing a book. But I'm sure you'd know the story: Rat humiliation, Third class depression, Second class "relaxation", and First Class seriousness. All I can say now are my "Thank-you's": Classmates-Greg, Mike, Eddie-I guess it could have been worse-let's just celebrate life now! Danny, Glen, Sheila, Bud-thanks for **all** of those fantastic times in Newport News and Mathews. My most important "Thank-you" goes to five very special people-Mom, Dad, Gaynelle, Kitty, and Susan-without your support-all of your love, all of your advice, and **most** of your KICKS IN MY REAR END-I might have been at ODU (having a helluva time!) I give you my thanks, my respect, and my love.

DYKES 1978: Tom Sliwoski
1984: Andy Anderson









Daniel Brooks Dorsey

"Danny, Bulb Head"
Winchester, Virginia
Air Force-Civil Engineering

AFROTC Scholarship 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Acad. Distinguished 2; Hop and Floor 4, 3, Bus. Mgr. 2, Pres. 1; CBC 1: A.S.C.E. 1; Bluegrass 3, 2, 1; GCR Club 3, 2, 1; Marsh Cabin Party Survivor 3, 2, 1 (Mosby's Gang).

Danny and I have been roommates for three years now and are original members of the 22 gang. Third Class year was the year of the Dear Johns. We celebrated Opening Hops by crying in our beers at Duck's. Then there was Second Class year. Wouldn't it have been great if Ring Figure had been Second Semester?! With the help of Dixie we survived yet another Cabin Party and even became part of Mosby's Gang. First Class year has been the Plateau of Cadetship. The thinnest book in the world could be titled; "The Weekends We Spent in Barracks." Yes, "We lived in those four concrete walls four whole years too long," but I don't think we really went wrong.

WRC

A lot of people have helped me when I needed help. Someday, perhaps I can return the favor. You know who you are. Thank you.

DYKES 1978: Bruce Mason
1984: Tom Lessig
Tim Carter



Gregory Bennett Doyle

"Snoozy, Casper, Slim"
Lexington, Kentucky
Economics-History-Peace Corps

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; PFC; Cadre 2; Fencing Team 4, 3, 2, Cpt. 1; DMS (Ha!); Spring Break Florida Road Trip 2; MBC Night Student (Weekends Only) 2; Big Blue Fan Club (Virginia Division); Fayette Nam Survivor '80.

I've been rooming with Greg for four years and it's been a definite experience. Why the Kentucky gentleman came to V.M.I. instead of U.K. I'll never know. How the quietest cadet in Foxtrot became a cadre corporal is also beyond me. According to V.M.I. Greg is an Economics/History major but Alex and I know better; "Snoozy's" major is the rack. I've never seen anyone sleep more than "Snooze". I know Greg will succeed in whatever he does. Greg, we've gone through it all together; I'm sure we'll never forget Phi Psi, Fencing, Mary Baldwin, Zollomans, Florida and all the other great times. "Get up and get active.". JMW

Special thanks to: Mom, Dad, Jame, Alex and Laura, Bye I.

DYKES 1978: Robert Scot Singletary
1984: Fredick Clay Ackiss
Mark Elliott Carter



John Matthew Driscoll

"Troll, Johnny, JD"
Norfolk, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Corps of Engineers

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; 81 Ring Figure Rock Painting Commando Team; Boxing Team 2, 1; Cabin Party 3, 1; Ring Figure Committee; 02 Gang

John will be remembered for his unique personality and very eventful cadetship. Special thanks to Mike for recognizing Mr. Driscoll's benefice to the corps, to Harold for his sympathy and understanding, to the secretaries for their loving hearts, to MBC who so often kep him out of trouble (VMI) and to his dear Brother Rats who loved him, were amused by him, and never killed him. One of his little escapades still sticks in my mind. In December of our third class year at 0215, Troll somehow managed to find his roommate on 500 SSH in a closet to tell him the OCMNI was going. Being in total amazement I, for the first time in my cadetship, could honestly say that I knew what the word "Brother Rat" really meant. A Brother Rat, John you have always been and a Brother Rat you will always be. Thankyou John. RRT

Thanks to my Brother Rats, Dad, Mom, family, and Sarah-Margaret for helping me make it through; I couldn't have made it without you all.

DYKES 1978: John T. Thomasson
1984: Vernon H. Miles









Michael Ellsworth Duval

"Duvz"
Dallas, Texas
Air Force-Civil Engineering

Virgin Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Bomb; Artist, Dark Room Ass't. 2, Art Editor 1; Hop and Floor Mural Committee 2, 1; Texas Club 2, 1; Sixth Heaven Jazz Ensemble 3; Monkey House 2; Suite 137 1; Nearly Married Club 1; Muhlenberg Exchange Student 2; LONN 1; LSD 402 1.

Being the son of a VMI graduate is quite a stigma to bear, but the mere thought of *being* a VMI graduate has me so happy my feet are smiling. Mom and Dad, thank you for putting me up to it and keeping me punching. Kathy, we made it through here together- thank you for staying by my side.

And Lord, thank you for your patience.

DYKES 1978: Jim Mackin
1984 Todd Henderson



Robert Franklin Eakle, Jr.

Fairfax, Va.
EE

Regimental 4, 3, 2, 1; cpl. 3; IEEE 2, 1; President of Ricky Riccardo fan club 4, 3, 2, 1

"The fruits do not yield their true flavor to the purchaser of them, nor to him who raises them for the market. There is but one way to obtain it, yet few take it that way". Thoreau Can it be that time has slipped by so quickly? Dave, Jim, and Dave I hope you remember our Comet can radio. 420 was one hell of a rat room. I'll never forget those times. And then came rooms 42 with their long conceiling hallways and 4 slightly crazy roommates. Bill, Bob, Jeff and John, you all made three years an adventure, Those corner rooms in Getto will always echo with our anger, frustrations and good times. I will be grateful always tot the opportunities, love and support given me by my selfless father, mother and sisters.

DYKES 1978: Greg Larson
1984 Jon Drof



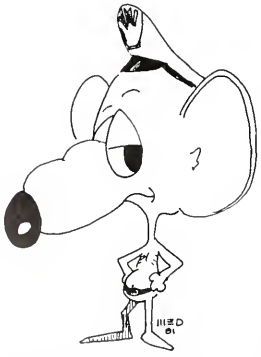
Charles Scott Falls

"Iron Man, C.S., Lean Mean Green Lima Bean"
Hanover, Maryland
History-United States Marine Corps

Private: Corporal; Sergeant; A Co. XO; Cadre 2, 1; Scholarship 3, 2, 1; Bulldog Permit 4, 3, 2, 1; Member 427 Zoo Crew; Charter Member 234 3-Way Club; Founding Member TTA; Explorer Post 217 3, 2; RFYL 3, 1; Rat Training 4, 2; Motivatee Grunt Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Deans List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 2, 1; "Chump" Cheering Squad 2, 1

What does a cadet say when he reaches this point in his cadetship? During my time here I have had the opportunity to sink to new depths, but more importantly, rise to new heights-both in my expectations and achievements. I have many to thank-my lunatic room-mates for the last two years-Bogey, Butch, and Rob, I never would have believed that we could be so crazy or work so hard. To all my other close friends here a word of thanks. To my parents the most heartfelt thanks of all. Thanks for putting up with me when I screwed up-both before and after I came here. Thanks for understanding me for I have not been the easiest person to live with. I love you both dearly. And I finally have my commission-Semper Fidelis.

DYKES 1978: Clyde Long
1984: Rob Clark
Dan Feller









David Scott Farnsworth

"Ears, Farns"
Boxborough, Ma.
Air Force-Pilot

'vt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; S-2 Lt. 1 (S-2?); "89" Crew 3, , 1; Orienteering Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Fire Fighters 3, 2; 'res. 1; Street Hockey 3, 2, 1; Baldwin Raiders 4, 2, ; Panty Raid Receptionist 2, 1; Baldwin Social Club , 1; "Hitched" 1; Summer School 4, 3, 2, 1?; I.W.'s Special Report Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

When I first saw Farns and his unique stride ap-roaching me in the thin air of the fourth stoop I new the Fates had served up a winner! I figured, ey any guy with ears nearly as large as my nose is ng ought to be quite a guy.

Somehow we managed to survive Dave's inimita-le style of awakening, the Serpico rent-a-car, the eer and the Tim Nitz Band at the Cockpit at Finals 79. And yes, don't forget Summer School and Eng-sh 102-1978, 1979 and 1980! Farns upstaged Al Capone with the St. Valentine's (Four Months) Mas-acre, 1980. (As we Airborne types say: "Get down eg; you moved too slow!")

New Hampshire: "Jack, are you there?"
Best of luck, Dave ! Write soon!
P.S.: What's that on your ankle- a halo?!

G.R.Z.

DYKES 1978: William P. Leavenworth
1984 Michael A. Ewell



Randolf Reed Ferris

"Randy, Genghiskhan, Total man, Psycho, Mad dog"
Falls Church, Va
History-Army-Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby; Fencing; Ranger pit 2; AUSA 4

From 1978 to 1981 I was a boarder at VMI. One of the citizen soldier traditions of stern scholarship hand in hand with patriotism, honor, and being a gentleman. I am glad to see that this institution stands for honor, and will always stand for honor. I thank Chaplain Caudill and Dr. Monsour for shouting encouragement towards the class of 1981, and drawing then on by their personal example. Lasting I praise the class of 1981 for their display of daring and fearlessness that has few equals, in becomming the "best class in barracks". I admire our class for preventing the near annihilation at the hands of the administration and our dykes rat line. Thus we can pass on to our dykes the spirit to become a united class. Remember and don't forget the classes of 1978, 1981 and 1982, are not Hudson High failures but proud VMI graduates. I will not forget my parents everlasting love for they have given up much in order I might become culturally educated gentleman. Audaces Fortuna Iuvat

DYKES 1978 Butch Brown, Mark Mckissick
1984 Lee Serratte



John Francis Ferry

"Crozet Gourmet, Ferryrat"
Medford Lakes, New Jersey
History-Air Force-Desk Jockey

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Newspaper 2, 1; Humor Boss 1; Cadet Assistant 2; Smith Hall Screwee 1; Kangaroo 1; Ferrys Rangers 4; Hop N Floor 3, 2, 1; Cannonball Committee '81; Club 402 Alumnus

From being the center of attraction as a rat in our company, to wowing beautiful girls in every women's college around here, John has consistently defended his pride in this Institution. Speaking of women; if he didn't have any self-control, he could be the biggest playboy around here. But his heart belongs to Julie, and his feeling for her helped him get through many of those blue moods that have a tendency to creep up on one around here. John has shown many a time that he knows the true meaning of and the spirit behing the term, Brother Rat. As a confidant he was always accessible; as a partner he was great at garnishing popcorn bowls; as a supporter of VMI sports he tramped preppies underfoot and hugged their girlfriends. All in all, his has a complete cadetship and Billy and I will value his friendship for life.

AMM '81

To thank my family is insufficient. I only hope I can someday do half as much for you.

DYKES 1978 Jim Pengson
1984 Barry Boceano









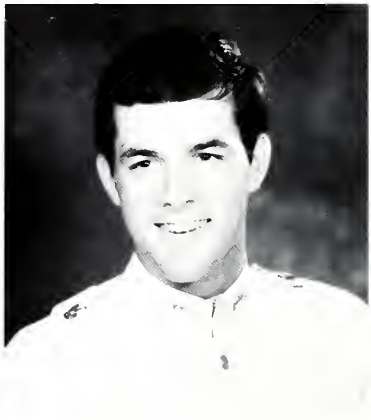
David Bryan Fiedler

"Fied"
Vienna, Virginia
Corps of Engineers-Civil Engineering

Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1; Water Polo 4, 3, 2; Pres. 1; Rugby 3; A.S.C.E. 2, 1; College Republicans 4; Ghetto 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

Like any "freshman", Dave went through the matriculation day horrors, so I'll spare the usual "through the archway" first sentence. What counts is not how "the Fied" arrived, but what he did while he was a Keydet. Although he was tops on the swim team as a Rat, he barely "2.0ed" academically his "freshman" year. Dave wasn't the type to let the "Instaroot" get him down though and steadily increased his G.P.A. every semester, survived with 67 "demos" the first semester, the Thirds Eat S__ __t Syndrome" and played water polo, rugby and swam on the side. During his infrequent spare time, "the Fied" could "pack 'em down" with the best of them and many a day/night will "live in infamy" after being spent at Duck's, the Frats, Goshen and Twin Falls.

"What's it going to be then, eh?"
THANKS MOM AND DAD



Gregory Dean Foster

"Beano, Kink Monster, Tweedle-Dum, American Gigolo"
Richmond, Virginia
Armor-Economics

D.R. 3, 2; Pvt. 1; Pervert Corner 4, 3, 2, 1; Track 4; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; DMS/DMG; Dean's List 4, 3; Part Time Student 3, 2, 1; Mike Shupp Bleeding Hearts Club 2; MBC 2; "X" Club 2, 1; Flag Football; Intramural Basketball; Rat Training; Chunk's Dining Club 2.

Well Buddy, you've finally made it! You entered VMI in the wake of a success-filled family legacy. You rose through the ranks, and at the last minute broke family tradition by being the first man in your clan to achieve the coveted rank of First Class Private!

I could fill a book writing about you. You're head strong, confident, determined, and resourceful. Then you prove me wrong by doing something dumb like crashing your car on a girl's lawn, dating a Yankee girl (New Jersey no less!), or swooning a calic in fatigues. What is to be done about you? Nothing! You are unique! Be proud!

Your most important trait, though, is your concern for your B.R.s. Without you, VMI would not be what it is today. With you, I'm surprised it survived!

DYKES 1978: Bruce "Juicy" Walls
1984: Pete Marseuison



Kurt Carl Frederick

"Fred, Bear"
Civil Engineering-Navy-Surface Line

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Civil War Roundtable 4, 3, 2, 1; Student Grotto 4; Sports Car Club 3; Scuba Club 1; International Relations Club 1; Rock 'n Roll Ensign 2, 1; I Miss My MG 4, 3, 2; Wish I Were At Berkley 4, 3, 2, 1; Republicans 4, 3, 2, 1

From out of the land of hex signs and funnel cakes to the halls of higher education in Lexington, Virgina, Kurt Frederick came charging. I was lucky enough to meet Fred because of our mutual desire to achieve the status of Rock 'n Roll Ensigns. We've shared quite a few interesting experiences in the past two and a half years, things like trips to Norfolk, sea stories from the Med and Japan, academic review boards, and a "New Wave" News Years Eve Party, along with sharing the trials and tribulations of a number of broken romances. After graduation, it's a life of hot tubs, windsurfers, and The Cretones, right Bear?

MJR

Thanks Mom, Dad, MomMom, Lisa, and Kris for all your love and support. It has been rough at times, and I know I couldn't have made it without you. I've made my best friends here. Well guys . . . surf's up!
KCF

DYKES 1978: Rick Sherman
1984: Greg Magee









James Douglass Friskhorn

"Fish, Jim"
Poquoson, Va.
Civil Engineering, Air Force

#1 Club 2; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Monogram club 3, 2, 1; Cadet Photographer, 2, 1; Baseball Team 4, 3, 2, 1, Team Capt., 1; Football manager 4, 3, 2, 1; cadet pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring figure "double dates" club; Marybaldwin confinement club, 4; gold coast 4, 1, pervert corner, 3, 2; Newmarket march 4; AAS 2, 1

It's a long wawy from the crabpot capital of the world to the valley of the Shennandoah, but Fish made the journey four years ago, uncertain of lay ahead. There are no sage hens, no coots no crab pots, and no clam bakes at VMI. Fish was lost, but somehow oriented himself during his rat year. The A-Co. squat body has made significant contribution to the institute during his stay, and will be sorely missed. The Air Force has him for four years, but when thats done, we'll find him at his hooch fishing off his front porch. Save some crabs for us bubba. SVT, JEH Well guys, what can I say? Four years of our lives have passed us by . . . from a disoriented, misguided rat to a confident, eager man ready to conquer lifes challenges. Nuts, JEH, cookie, CP and Bo, thanks for the memories and priceless friendship.

DYKES 1978: S.P. James
1984: Bill Hunt, Robert Turner



A.T. Funkhouser

"Funk, A.T., Short Little Texan, Short Little Redneck"
Del Rio, Texas
A.F. Special Student-Electrical Engineering

Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; R.D.C. 1; Rat Co. XO 1; Texas Club 2, 1; Summer School 4, 3, 2; Private 4, 3, 2, 1.

If it wasn't for Joe Schlitz, Rugby, and good friends I would have left a long time ago. Also, those nice road trips to Mobile, Boston and Carettis kept me going in between times. If it wasn't for rugby I would have lost my sanity. I would like to thank my friends (Jamie, Duck, Pete, Cold Steel, and a hell of alot more) for helping me through. June and Pap I would like to thank for putting up with all of my B.S. and for having faith. Now all I want to do is graduate, get a job, and get the hell out of Dodge. I would also like to thank the road.

DYKES 1978: John "The Wad" Leresche
1984 Pete "Rodeo" Nealley



Daniel Keith Gallagher

"Disco Dan, Patton, Son of Atwill"
Natural Bridge Station, Virginia
Economics/German-Army-Infantry

Ranger Platoon 4, 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 4, Hand-too-Hand Combat 2; Newman Club 3; Militaria Society 4, 3, 2; Ghetto Cruiser Club Vice President 1

The memories I will take with me from my years at VMI will sadden me and also give me lasting joy and comfort. I remember cruelty which evoked hatred, shame, and violence, and great kindness which evoked lasting friendship and tears. Triumphs, failures, frustrations, and fears. Aching lonliness and joyful togetherness. Goals unmet, goals surpassed. Many times have I helped faltering brother rats, and many times has a desperately needed hand helped me. I am greatful to have known such a wonderful group of guys as my brother rats. Your memory will shine brighter as the years pass by.

Personal discipline, honor, pride, determination, aggressiveness, and perseverance are all characteristics this institute has challenged us to make our own. We have done this . . . and now I believe that all the hardships have been worth it. Auf Wiedersehen, meine Freunds.

DYKES 1978: Bill Atwill
1984: Craig Peacock (son of son-of-Atwill)









William Aladino Gavazzi

"Amunga Man, Monster, Anna May, Capt. America, Pygma
lion"
McLean, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Engineers

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Flag Football 3, 2; Hop and Floor; Ghetto 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4, 3; No. One Club 4; Pep Band 4, 3; Regimental Band 4, 3, 2, 1; CIC 2

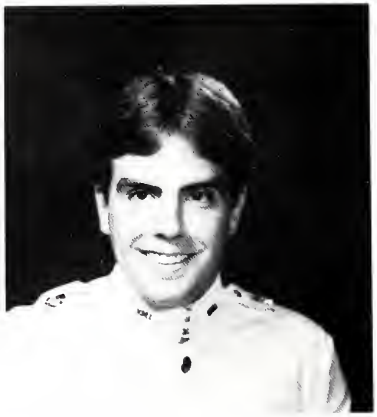
Beef, we've been through a lot in four years at the "I". It's amazing how you made it through your first month here-remember West Point? Your flair for enjoying life has left me with plenty of happy memories- hops, Ring Figure, etc.. You gave a special meaning to the phrase Brother Rat. You never failed to come through in the clutch . . . and you proved that many times over. Your freindship is something I will cherish because a freind like you is very hard to find. I will close by saying thank you for being my roommate and friend for the last four years. Best of luck in all your endeavors, and don't forget the "Cat "

JFB '81

I would especially like to thank everyone who has given me the support that has helped me through the last four years.

WAG '81

DYKES 1978: Mark Miller
1984 Jeff Cole



Jeffrey Michael Gill

"The Head, Spot, No-Pants"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics-Army Corps of Engineers

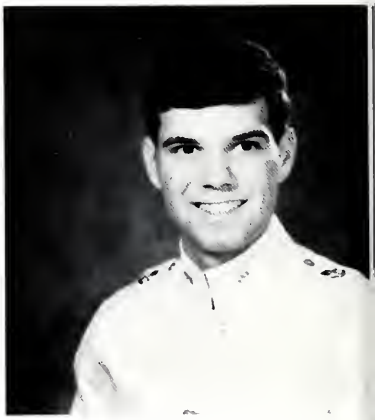
Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Basketball 4; Phi Kappa Phi and Omicson Delta Epsilon 2, 1; **Cadet** Editorial Editor 1; Chairman VMI Publications Board 1; Cadet Captain 1, Vice President Pre-Law Society 1; Vice President Young Economists 1; Vice President Sir John Hillery Club 1; Budweiser Bomber 2, 1; Dead Head 4, 3, 2, 1.

I came to VMI with many fears, basketball fever, and the knowledge that I could have gone to U. Va. It has taken four years for me to realize that most of my fears were unfounded, basketball isn't everything, and U. Va fraternities and I would have never meshed.

My stay here was one of changes and contradictions too numerous and complicated to list. I leave VMI with a sense of relief. VMI has taught me much, but I've also missed alot.

In closing, I want to especially thank my parents and family, whose home was always my refuge. Without y'all, graduation would have been impossible. Thanks also to a special friend who let me talk about VMI when I was in the mood, and didn't ask when I wasn't. Thanks also to my friends. You know who you are, and you're the greatest Later on.

DYKES 1978: Pat "P.D." Kelly
1984: Mike Sullivan



David Graham Gillespie

"Brave Dave, Guiseppe, Dizzy"
Old Tappan, New Jersey
Biology-USMC-Infantry

International Relations Club 3; Rat Training 4, 1; N.Y.-N.J. Club 4, 3, 2; Marine Detachment 4, 3, 2, 1; Marine PLC 4, 3, 2; Pre-Med Society 4, 3, 2; Pre-Med secretary 2; Pre-Med president 1; Pvt 1, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; BSU 2, 1; Hot Rod's Confiscation Club 4, 3, 2, 1

I came to the "I" thinking I was Scottish, but over the last three years, my so called friends have tried their best to convince me that I'm "Italian" to them I say "Scottland Forever!" I had no concept of what to expect when I came here and it was a tremendous shock to me to undergo the VMI system. But in the long run I know that VMI has prepared me better than any other college could for whatever eventualities that I may face in the future. I will always be eternally grateful to my classmates espically Bob, John, Lyne, Randy, and Ray for putting up with me these past four years. To my family there is not enough space for all the thanks I wish to express.

DYKES 1978: Bill Greg
1984: Doug Nichols (The Tree)









David Bruce Gitchell

"Repeat, Gitch"
Charlottesville, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Civilian

Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse Tri-Captain 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Original Member Pub Club 325; Good Times 307;

The day before we came here Bruce and I sat on my front porch and questioned our futures at VMI, "What would we become?" Academically distinguished? Or just great somehow? Hell, we didn't know we just figured we'd give it a helluva try. Well Bruce never did become distinguished academically (smile), he just kept pushing upwards giving that helluva try. As I reflect upon all the times; the joys, the tears, the fears, and demerits, I believe Bruce Gitchell has evolved from that pondering high school graduate to a man of purpose and direction. Not Great; just one damn good guy and as even greater friend to us all. Here's to you "Gitch", Brother Rat, we did it! - Corky

Mom and Dad, thank you for the love and patience that was always available during those dark times.

DYKES 1978: Bob "Toad" Fretz
1984 David "Poodles" Parker



Mark Anthony Gonsalves

"Sloppy"
Ludlow, Massachusetts
History-Army-Infantry

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Azaela Festival Escort 2, 1; Boxing Team 3, 2, 1; Cadet in Charge 1; AAU Tournament 2, 1; AUSA 4, 3, 2, 1; Class Advisory Committee 2, 1; Managing Editor of Ring Figure Magazine 2; Sports Editor Bomb 1; Lacrosse 4, Newspaper Staff 4, 3, 2, 1; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Explorer's Post 3, 2, 1.

In May of 1981, Mark leaves the Shenandoah Valley, through his exploits now a trail of broken hearts and shattered dreams of the many women who have succumbed to the "Slop's" charm. A regular at the girl's schools and frats, "Sloppy's" career has been characterized by success ever since that eventful night Rat year when he got his nickname. Mark has also realized his potential in other areas. A bronze medal in State AAU boxing came as no surprise to the 337th, all witnesses to his smashing performance against the sentinel third class year. For those who laughed at "Sloppy's" military bearing for three years, there were his high scores at Summer Camp '80 and CTLT. Although by no means a dedicated scholar, Mark exemplifies that well-roundedness exemplified in the "whole man" concept. A good sense of humor and an ability to enjoy a good time will always remind us of the "Slop."

I'd like to thank my parents for being so supportive throughout my cadetship. Special thanks to my dad who has been my best friend and to my mom who holds a special place in my heart.

DYKES 1978: Ed Yost, Terry McKnight
1984 Andy Protogyrou, Scott Andes



John E. Goode

"Satch"
Bronx, New York

Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram club 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1

Thank God, it's finally over! My 4 years at VMI were long, sad, boring, frustrating, and sometimes fun. Without the love, understanding, patience and generosity of my "Mom, Dad, Frankie, Kathy Frances and I can't forget Charlie", I would never have made it. I just want to say thanks to the greatest family a guy could ever want. Next, I would like to thank my roomates Bernie, Andy, and Brian; without these 3 guys God only knows where I would be today. However, I might have been in Radford, only I couldn't borrow a car. Oh well. Thanks a lot fellows, it's been fun!!! A Special thanks goes to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gillen and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Ayers, whose love will never be forgotten.

Also I would like to thank Kitty, Celia, and Mrs. Schmaus, who made life here much more bearable. Bernie, Andy, and QuiZ I wish I could say more about you guys, But I can't so I won't. Thanks again. Satch

DYKES 1978: Ron Carter
1984 Ex-Vince Henderson









Bruce Cobb Gottwald, Jr.

"Teddy's Brother, LeMuir"
Richmond, Virginia
History-Special Student

Young Democrats; Soccer 4, 3, 2; President of Number One Club 2, 1; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2; Cadet Staff.

A little over 4 years ago I decided that I would go to college and have a good time, which is exactly what happened. I somehow changed my mind in the middle of my freshman-not rat year and decided to alter my life style - somewhat. I thought about that change but never regretted my being here.

Special thanks go to my parents and family, who come first in my life. I must also mention the Fulghams who have always supported me. Certain bonds of friendship are made at VMI that will last a lifetime, for life would not be the same without them. Members of Room 150, Clay, "V", Bruce, and The Legend - Tom Jack Slipek are those who come to mind. My good times were theirs and theirs mine, because most of the time we were in the same boat, sink or swim.

DYKES 1978: John Woodward
1984: Pencil Hensel
Sam Martin



Robert Carl Graham

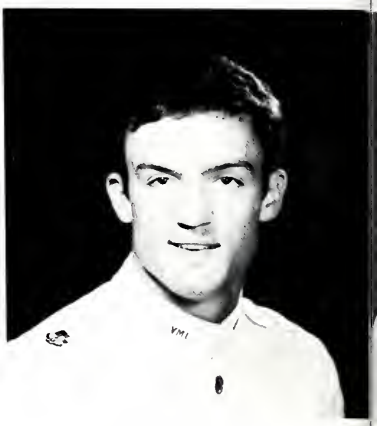
"Boo, Grit"
Woodbridge, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Navy

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; XO 1; V. Wrestling 4; ASCE 3, 2, 1; BSU 4, 3; Grub Ranker Club 3, 2, 1; Illegal Car Club 2; Muscle Machine Club 1; Rat Training Cadre 1; Pseudo Ranker 3, 2, 1

During the past four years there have been times when I thought that I would never get out of here. Thanks to all my Brother Rats and especially Charlie and Jesse, times were much easier and a lot more enjoyable. When I arrived I knew physically it would be demanding but nobody told me we were going to have to study! Most of all I want to say, "I Love You Janet." Thank you for being here and giving me your love and support when I needed it most. It won't be long now. I love you to "Pooh Bear"!

Finally, I send my love and thanks to Mom, Dad, and Donna. To Tim I send something too deep to describe between brothers. But I'm sure you know what I'm saying. To all my friends and relatives; Thank You!

DYKES 1978: Jack Wright
1984: Hans Ringenbach



William Glenn Grigg II

"Jaws"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics-Army-Engineers

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse 2, 1; Confinement All-star 3, 2; Appreentice, Sir Edmund Hillary Club 1; Monogram Club; Young Democrats 2; All-Party Association 4, 3, 2, 1; FCA 4, 3, 2.

Time will pass and we will forget the bad and remember only the good. One thing will always stand out-friendship. Friendship builds unity. VMI lives on these friendships-without them the Institute will die. The administration will come and go. Hopefully, this one will be gone soon, but friendship will remain.

Many people helped me through this place; my classmates, and the football team; however, five standout the most-Thanks Mom and Dad for the support and long conversations. Thank you Melissa for the good times and your tolerance. Thanks Coach White for giving me confidence, for praying for me, and having patience. Most of all thanks Sammy, you are a true friend, you were there for the good and the bad. Best of luck to you and Kim. God bless those who didn't make it.

DYKES 1978: Dutch Goddard
1984: Bill "Mini Dome" Corn









John Larry Haithcock, Jr.

"Har, Southside Heartbreaker"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics-Army-Artillery

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Society of Young Economists 2, 1; S-5 Tour Guide 3, 2; Cadet Battery 2, 1; JV Basketball 4, 3; Budweiser Bombers 2, 1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 1; RBA 1; Azalea Festival 2, 1

I would never trade my VMI experience for any others. I've made good friends, had some crazy times, and have even studied (usually on the night before three tests).

I hope to stay in contact with my friends Spot, Golden, Looper, and all the others. I'll always remember my roommate for the past three years, Skids, because he was fun to pick on but always hung in there. The experiences I'll remember are cliff climbing, runs to the pipeline, and clubhouse meetings.

I have no regrets coming here. I came to VMI a punk and am leaving as a better person with pride, honor and determination to succeed. My parents have supported and helped me and they deserve all my thanks and love. I dedicate my graduation to them and to my dyke, Bont F. Tulbert, who was like a brother to me.

DYKES 1978: Bont "Buzz" Tulbert
1984: Jeffrey C. Vielock
Timothy Alan Nitz



Jeffrey Stuart Hamilton

"The Hammer, Friction, Stump"
Hampton, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Engineers

Tennis 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; Trumbo Scholarship 2; Airborne School 2; Monogran Club 3, 2, 1; Young Economists 2, 1; President- Hollins Is For Lovers Club 2, 1

As fate would have it, the Hammer and I were tossed into room 444 together on one expectational warm August afternoon. From then on we have been like twins, sharing the same interests such as girls, booze, girls, running the block, girls, frat parties, and last, but not least, girls.

Though Jeff constantly pondered changing majors, he'll appreciate his academic hardship a year from now when he's sitting at a desk with his tie loosened up designing a bridge or a road, while I'm either low crawling through a swamp or selling vaccum cleaners door to door.

There are many people whom I'd like to thank, especially the Buffer, who has been a great friend, to say the least. I can't thank Col. Jamison enough for everything he's helped me through. He is one of the finest individuals I will ever know.

DYKES 1978: Dave Gray
1984: Steve Mang, Alec Thompson



James Andrew Hanratty

"Cool Earl, Big Guy, Hangy, The Kid, Toad"
Chalfont, Penn.
Economics-Army-Quartermaster

Pres. of Earl's Laundry Supply Company 1; International Relations Club; Sec. 2; Vice Pres. 1; VMI Firefighters 2; Young Republicans 4; English Speaking Union 4; Society of Young Economists 2, 1; Pres. of the Ghetto Cruizer Club 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

Cool Earl cruized into the Big "I" 4 years ago - and has been cruizing ever since. As one of the few rats who was missed by the RDC, Jim was never bothered much by the Ratline. Although, the rules and regulations of VMI did cramp his style somewhat, it's apparent to all who know him that Jim is a cool dude. The kid from Philadelphia is really blossoming during his First Class year. His entrepenurial skills have come to the forefront - he's the mainstay of the Toad's Flag Football team, the actual power in the IKC - and the proud driver of the Ghetto Cruizer (Not to mention my personal banking system). I am sure Jim would like to thank all those faithful customers of Earl's Laundry Supply Company, who fought the monopolistic administration to support the free enterprise system. Good Luck roommate - I'll stop by for a loan after you make your first million!!

G.M.L.
J.W.M.

DYKES 1978: Nick Francis
1984: Ralph Foersch









David Avery Harbison

"Harby, Squirrel"
Kings Mountain, N. Carolina
History-Army-Infantry

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; AUSA 4, 3, 2, 1; BSU 4; Civil War Roundtable 4, 2; Explorer Post 2, 1; Glee Club 3; Student Grotto 4, 3, 2; International Relations 4, 3, 2, 1; Militaria Society 4, 3, 2, 1, Pres. 1; Orienteering 3, 2; Ranger Plt. 4, 3, 2, 1, X.O. 2, 1; Sports Parachute Club 4, 3, 2.

When I first moved in with this Izod-bearing, Coors-drinking, North Carolinean boy, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. Yet, in the next 2 years I have learned to love and respect him to the max. Although not a true book-worm, his dedication and knowledge of the military can only be to our advantage. Through road-trips, Sweet Briar, Fredericksburg, and Atlanta he has always come through with a unique grin and almost always a good buzz.

The only fault that I can say that Harby has is that he is almost too selfless and will always help a Brother Rat. In conclusion, I can only say," Pour Me Another Tequila Sheila," and good luck.

Now for my part. Thanks to everyone who has put up with me, but most of all, thanks mom and dad, I love you.

DYKES 1978: Craig Badalaty
1984: Art Schuhart



Mark Judson Hardy

"Psuedo, Psuedo-Ranger, Party-Hardy"
Ashland, Virginia
Economics-Army-Infantry

BSU 4, 3, 2, 1; Sec. Orienteering Club 3, 2, 1; V.P. Explorers Post 3, 2, 1; Rangers 4; Maury I and II; Firefighters 2, 1; MVI Agressor Force 3; CRC 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 2, 1; Little John II Artillery Crew 1.

The time will soon be here when we will pick up our bags and hurriedly leave this Institute. I've wondered whether these four long years have really been worth the pain that one goes through. But when one thinks of the hassels of going here, one has the tendency to push them to the rear of his mind and that is what I am going to do now. I would not trade these four years for any other at some other institute of higher learning. By coming to this "penal institute," one sacrifices many pleasures that are commonplace elsewhere, but VMI prepares us for reality in a sense because life's course is full of sacrifices; sacrifices to your BR's, brothers, parents, wife and yourself.

Many sincere thanks go to Mom, Dad, and Paul for their understanding and support as well as Jesus Christ for giving me the courage and strength to keep on keeping on-when the going got rough.

Long live '81 and Good-bye VMI!!

DYKES 1978: Tom Reeder
1984: Mark Koltura



Jere Walston Harris

"Jerome, J.W., C. . . P. . ., Chester M."
Springfield, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force-Pilot

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Arnold Air Society 2, 1; Hop and Floor Committee 3, 2, 1; Scuba Club 2, 1; Number One Club 1; Anti Prep Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Pup Club "325" 3; Social Club "248" 2; After Hours Club "148" 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Busted, Cdt. Pvt. 1; Concrete Canoe 1; S&H Sur Club.

Jere arrived at VMI uninformed but not unprepared. He had determination, luck, wonderful desire for life and a high school sweetheart. Well, he still has his desire for life. Third class year Jere learned alot about friendships, Mary Baldwin girls, and confinement. To hear Jere tell it, confinement was not the worst of the three. Second class year brought Jere and the Pub Club to a new neighborhood. The Ghetto would never be the same. At breakout, Ring Figure, or 81's first mud slide Jere was always in the middle of everything. All of Ghetto and especially Jere's roommates will be thankful they knew him. Not only did Jere leave his mark on the Institute, but he has given a part of himself to all of us.

E.E.H. Jr.

Thanks to my family for helping me through school . . . It was a long way . . .

J.W.

DYKES 1978: Bryant B. Streett
1984: Skeeter Seaver









James A. Hart

"Bimbo, Hartski"
Wappingers Falls, NY
EE-Army-Corps of Engineers

Swim team 4, 3, 2, 1; Co.-Capt. 1; IEEE 321; EE4, 3, 2, 1; Water polo 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club, Deanslist 3, 2, 1; Weekend Water Skiers 2, 1

Tall and lanky with the zeal of a tie rack? Don't be deceived. Jims laid back style will surprise you. He is conscientous, responsible and intelligent. He lets the fools talk while he walks away with the laurels. His ambitions appear obscure but look again. Swim team capt. Deans list EE and an independent lifestyle exemplify our man Jim. He aims high but at 6'4" has good reach. He's also a true BR. want a ride to Roanoke, a day at the lake or help with some problems? Ask Jim, he's there if you want to pay the price. A wizard of abuse, Jim will bust your butt while at the same time give you the shirt of his back. Another military stud, Jim will endure his 90 days before getting the big bucks. His hard work will someday pay and that day is fast approaching.

DYKES 1978: Ed Little
1984: Jeff White



Paul Brian Hartnett

"Ernest, Otis, Clarence from D.L., Cromebone"
Waynesboro, Virginia
CE-MS-Corps of Engineers

Golf 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Recondo Qualified 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1.

Rooming with Paul for three years has been a very enlightening experience, almost as enlightening as the six years I had known him before we came to VMI. Being somewhat of an expert on his different moods, he still managed to surprise me with the "infinite variety" of his personalities, which ranged from Ernest Angely to Otis Campbell. Although we still manage to get along, our friendship has been stretched to its limits, and then some, But, through our cadetship we managed to keep our basic opinion of this place.

J.I.R.

Well, I was always one to get the last word so we don't want any exceptions. I'd like to say that if this place didn't do anything else, it made me think. I know the longer you are away, the more you appreciate it, so it will probably be the same with me. I would like to thank Joe for his lovely introduction, and all my friends for the good times.

DYKES 1978: William "Shady" Grove
1984: Charles "Chunk" Foster



Michael Wayne Hatfield

"Hat, Sumo"
Wise, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Engineers

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Circle K 3, 2, 1; B.S.U. 4, 3, 2, 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1

From the hills of beautiful Wise County came a man named Mike Hatfield, a man who will in any and every circumstance uphold his convictions with a powerful but totally peaceful will. Mike insures that regardless of the outcome his head is held high from the pure satisfaction of a perfect effort. Mike is a fortunate person in that he is filled with love. He, however, is a man who is satisfied with himself but not solely for himself. Rather, he is a man concerned about mankind. For Mike's example and support, many will be forever grateful. And for Mike's faith in the Greatest of all Greatness, he will find eternal fulfillment. May your joys be many and may your life be, indeed, a happy one. See you in Wise.

R.R.T.

DYKES 1978: Matt Shell
1984: Merl Thomas, Chris Murnane









Jay Ashley Hawkins

"Hawk, Jay-Bird"
Va. Beach, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; Swim Team 2; Summer School 4, 3, 2, 1; Special Student 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's Other List 4, 3, 2, 1

On August 26, 1976 my life changed. I was a civilian then I was transformed into a cadet. The transformation was not made without problems, but my Bro kept me in school. Thanks, Randy.

My Second Class year, I decided to be a civilian *and* a cadet. As a result, I was asked to take a year off to improve my academic standing. A year later, a more mature but no more intelligent cadet was in uniform again.

GPAs will always be in my nightmares, as that is the one aspect of V.M.I. that I have found there is no way around, only through constant late study will I ever find freedom.

Thanks, Mom and Dad for infinite patience and understanding; Randy for the help and being a Real Bro these past years and Royce for being there when I need you. I love all of you.

J.A.H.

DYKES 1977: Bill Reichelt
1984 Steve Breuning



Mark Kenneth Hearne

"Phantom"
McLean, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force-Pilot

Cross Country 4, 3; Track 4, 3: RFYL 2, 1; Monogram 4, 3, 2, 1; Boston Marathon 3, 2, 1; PVT 4, 3, 2, 1; Pervert Corner 4, 3, 2, 1; Circle K Club 3, 2, 1.

Mark attacked VMI ready to follow in his brother's foot steps. Riding the track permit his Rat year, he missed out on a lot of fun while he was doing intervals and other atrocities. He realized this and dropped off his permit after his third class year, but continued to run almost daily. He has learned to get anything he wants from the Commandants office and can never be found in Lexington on a weekend. Even when on confinement, Mark has argued with the "Supe" for an hour, walking away victoriously with a day and a weekend, free. He disappears every weekend and never materializes before R.O. on Sunday. Despite this and constant harassment from certain roommates, he has stayed on the Dean's list. Through the marathons, the pitchers of beer, the cooked peppers, and the saturday classes. Mark has shone through and always will. Good luck to you, Mark!

DYKES 1978 Ralph Williams III
1984 Laurence Fahrney



Kenneth C. Herbert

"Piggy"
Baltimore, Maryland
Biology-Air Force

Rugby 4, 3, 2; Ranskin Mode Society 3, 2, 1; Arnold Air Society 3, 2, 1; Pre- Med Society 4, 3, 2; 2300 Mill Club 1; Suvivor of 382; SSH room 510 2, 1; Subcult 3, 2, 1

Herb came four years ago probably not expecting what happened. His hair and beard were shaved, and he found all these strange people yelling at him.

After his rat year Herb has been keeping a low profile to avoid any other hassles. He was a devoted studier but he wised up after his third class year. The subcul took over and Herb was with the best of us, wherever the party was. His grades reflected his ability to go both ways . . . I only wish I could have mastered that one. Good luck in the Air Force.

DYKES 1978: Garry Brumback
1984: Dave Pruitt









Stephen Timothy Hesson

"Friar, Svado"
Lynchburg, Va.
Economics, 90 Day Wonder

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Josh B. Fan Club; Mad Dog Parties #1; Bomb Staff 1; International Relations club 3, 2, 1; Crash Corner 2;40 and over club summer camp 80; Disco 261, 2; Apathy 4, 3, 2, 1; social club 4, 3, 2, 1

As I look back on my four years of VMI, there are many things which stand out in my mind. The hell raising of my rat year. The Frat parties of my third class year. The parties at Baldwin, SweetBriar and Randy Mac. The weekends at Longwood. The hell raising with Elmo, Mark, Clinker, George, Lowrider, David, Nick (remember those road trips and zollamans parties) finally I would like to thank my parents for putting up with me for the past 4 years, (I know its been rough). Be Young be foolish, but be happy"

DYKES 1978: Tom Booker
1984: Barry Miller, Richard Bolson



David William Hinchee

"Hinch, Hinchman, Dave"
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force-Pilot

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Pub Club 3, 2; Social Club 2; After Hours Club 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; Co-Chairman Hotel Roanoke Committee-Ring Figure 1981 2; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, Treasurer 1; Seminar and Thesis Speaker Committee 1; Concrete Canoe Committee 1; Summer School Elite 4, 3, 2; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 1

Dave's dyke was the only man in the Corps with chevrons down to his class stripes. With some help from G. Ray, Daveset out making sure his blouse would be unscarred by rank. With G. Ray gone, Dave found trouble all by himself. Well almost, sorry Hop dates. Dave soon joined "the boys of summer" and moved with us to "the Ghetto." Ring Figure brought new trouble; it wasn't finding a date that was hard, it was choosing *one* that caused the problems. Winter brought Debbie (the perfect lady) and we're still mourning the loss of a great operator. Later came the big Tech trip . . . right Hinch? Sign the checks. With Debbie or on the move, we all enjoyed the parties, the late night antics, and all the times Dave added to our lives.

E.E.H., Jr.

Well Mom and Dad, *we* made it. Thanks for all your support and love.

D.W.H.

DYKES 1978: Tom Tanner
1984: Jeff Perkins
Dennis Butts



Geoffrey Clyde Hinshelwood

"Hinch"
Richmond, Virginia
Biology-Bolivian Coast Guard

Sunday Afternoon Spades Club 3; Sir Earl Club 2, 1; 01 Club 3, 2, 1; Maj. Maeger Fan Club 2, 1; Jolly Jokers 2, 1; Ronskin Mode 3, 2, 1; Basketball 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Subcult 3, 2, 1

I thought when I decided to come here that it would do me some good. Everything looked so nice from the outside but being here was a real trip! I was, to say the least, disillusioned, and four long laborious years later I am still disillusioned. Thanks to Basketball I kept a little individuality and sanity. The only thing I leave with are the friendships of a select few (They know who they are.), also my beloved roommates (Train, Wiener, Count, and Vasco) made these four intolerable years almost tolerable. I must thank my Mom and Pops for being behind me during my stay here.

"Don't take life too seriously, or you will never get out alive."

DYKES 1978: Pat Kelly
1984: John Miers
Keith Samuelson









Charles Edward Hoffert, Jr.

"Chuck, Nappy, Shako, Hoff"
Chester, Virginia
History-Army-Infantry

Rugby 3, 2, 1; Circle K 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Southside Club 4, 3, 2, 1; E.V.M.C. trips 1

As the son of a career Army officer, I was destined to enter into the illustrious world of V.M.I. I cannot say that it was the easiest road to follow, However I admit that these were some of the best moments on my life and ones that will always be remembered.

Thanks Mom and Dad for all of your love, understanding, and support. To Margaret, Irene, Mary, and Roy, all I can say is that you're the greatest. The letters were always a lift. To my roommates Andy, Steve, and Kenny--we've made it! Thanks for all of the help and good times. Finally, here's to Ft. Bragg and "summer Camp 80". Without it, I would have never met the greatest girl in the world, Susan.

DYKES 1978: Robert Parker
1984: Charlie Walker



Edward Earl Holland

"Kid II, Looper, Easy, Double E"
Civil Engineering -Air Force-Navigator

A.S.C.E. 4, 3, 2, 1; A.S.C.E. Secretary 2, 1; Arnold Air Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse 4; Pub Club "325" 3; Social Club "248" 2; After Hours Club "148" 1; Estelle's Club and 1-4-4 Disco 4

Ed entered V.M.I. from a different world than the one waiting for him. He soon learned though, under the proper guidance of "1-4-4", how to defeat V.M.I. After the dykes left, thinks looked bad again, but Ed learned to raise his own hell. Ed not only excelled in having his share of good times, but also academically, and somehow, militarily. Ed has always been one to voice his opinion to anybody whether he thought they cared or not. Ed has always been one you could turn to in times of need and he'd never let you down. The good thing about V.M.I. is definitely the friends you meet Ed has been one of my best.

W.E.S.

Thanks to "1-4-4", all "the boys", the Ghetto and especially my roommates. There are no better. Also, much love and thanks to my family.

DYKES 1978: Bill "Party" Hardy
1984: Holman Waters



John Early Holloway

"Pete, Bubba"
Williamsburg, Virginia
Biology- Marine Corps

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; *VMI Cadet* 4, 3, 2, 1; Bomb 3; Ra
Bible 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2,
Institute Escort 2, 1; In Hot Water 4, 3, 2, 1; Old Corp
Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1; CBC 2, 1; Rat T-Shirt 4, 3, 2,

Describing the career of JEH '81 in 140 words is
difficult task indeed. You take a redneck, add an alun
nus for a father and a red, white, and yellow upbringing
and you get a VMI Keydet.

John plowed through four years of VMI in grand styl
leaving a ton of good artwork and lots of friends in h
wake. Somewhere in the interim he found Nancy,
treasure some say a crusty old redneck doesn't d
serve.

John there are a lot of memories for you to look bac
on- the famous lacrosse stick belt line, *The Black Boo*
cartoons of a dubious nature, Ring Figure, road trip
Cadet staff parties, and many more too numerous t
mention here. Best of luck to you, Bubba!

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Nancy. See y'all in Mooc
Hall.

DYKES1978: Steve Craig
1984: Don Foster, David Szucs









James Ross Holloway, Jr.

"Jim, Jimmy, Rabbit"
Vinton, Va.
Economics- Air Force

Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3; Brass Ensemble 4, 3; Timmons Music Society 3; *Cadet* Photography Editor 3, 2; Virgin Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Run-for-your-Rack 4, 3, 2, 1

Jimmy came to the healthful and pleasant abode with a Roanoke upbringing, some misguided expectations, a wild and crazy dyke, and a wallet full of beautiful sisters. He spent long hours of serious consideration and careful meditation to yield the irreversible conclusion: "I gotta get the hell out of here!" . . . And so began Rabbit's trek for the coveted VMI sheepskin.

Not to sound like a eulogy, but Jimmy led a full life. With a dyke who liked to go to Madison every night, Rat year was life in the fast lane (Rabbit *never* got caught sleeping in Zach's hay!). Being a trouble-maker First class year he just about got the trombone section to step off.

Rabbit's been a good roomie and an invaluable friend, and as we depart company, I'm going to miss him . . . even though he never set me up with one of his sisters!

DPL '81

DYKES 1978: Zach Whitlow
1984: Gary "Rowdy" Maynard



James Estil Hostetter

"Butch, Steve Hog, Heisman"
Lexington, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Engineers

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; A.S.C.E.; Drug Council; Concrete Canoe Committee; Steve Hog Hunt Club, Pres.

On August 17, 1977 two boys gave up their free-spirited way of life in Rockbridge County and fell into the pitfalls of being a mere Rat. Destined to remain at V.M.I. for at least four years we, along with another Rat from "the Burg", accepted this fact and began our sh - - runnin' processes. Academics played a minor role in the line of duty as a Rat. Local hang-out 190 had regular parties sponsored by "the Ferg" and "Drew." A girlfriend such as Gayle played a major role in keeping him at V.M.I. We express our gratitude to Bunk and Grace for a job well done. "Heisman Hostetter" emerged as a Saturday great and the following year was converted to "Steve Hog." Many great times will be remembered from those four years: Ring Figure (althpugh none of us saw the band Saturday night), Lake Placid, Saturday Night Ballet Dance, and Butch's private bass pond. Great memories will remain with us for a long time, many of which were made possible by Heisman. Good luck and always remember to "Do it up!"

"Loch-ears"

DYKES 1978: Tuffy Wright, Fergy, Stever
1984: Kevin Taliaferro



Richard Alexander Hubbard III

"Rick, Rich, Mary, Kilroy, Hubs"
Tonawanda, N.Y.
Physics-Navy

Track 4; F.C.C.C 4; Newman club 4, 3, 2, 1; S.P.S. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 2, 1; Theater 4, 3, 2, 1; (star 4, 3, 2, 1); Mallory hall study club 2, 1; Mary Wash Fan Club 3, 2, 1

One day a young boy entered Jackson Arch thinking "It's tough" but I can take it. "Later, he realized that it was more than tough. But the mans burning hatred of quitting made him take it. One day a boy entered the physics curriculum because he wanted a springboard into nuke school. A man stayed in the curriculum he desired to learn more of the "discipline called Physics".

Once upon a time a happy boy came through the arch supported by a girl he knew he was going to marry. A man leaves with no one to marry, but the wisdom and some very good friends." . . . but when I became a man, I did away childish things. "Thank you mom and dad and especially Kathleen for helping me to put the boy in his proper place.

DYKE 1978: Ned Reister
1984: Ty Dawson, Rob Rubino









Gordon Ivascu

"Gordy, Gourpy, Pinball, Glutanten"
Morrisville, Pennsylvania
Economics-Army-SS

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4; President TGJ 2, 1; IRC 2; Secretary IRC 1; Young Economics 3, 2, 1; Sir Edmund Stillery Club; O. Den 3; Mad Dog Fan Club 2, 1; Beta Ida Theta

Gordy came to VMI with one thing on his mind, "leaving." But, his old man never came to pick him up; he only laughed at him over the phone. Third class year he turned into a derelict, and the only constructive thing he could do was sit in the back of calculas, dip and make fun of a kid from Tennessee. Second class year Gordie was still dipping but now he had moved in with Pseudo and could have some "intellectual" discussions with the man from Lynchburg. Gordy had a knack for Josh B's computer problems, he even learned to drink Mad Dog in the computer room. First class year Gordy was ready for Baldwin, only problem was that Baldwin wasn't ready for him.- BUF

It's been a long 4 years. Why I stayed I'll never know. Thanks to everyone, especially Mom and Dad without whom I would have never made it.

DYKES 1978: Harry Seigfried
1984: Paul Tate, John Svechovsky



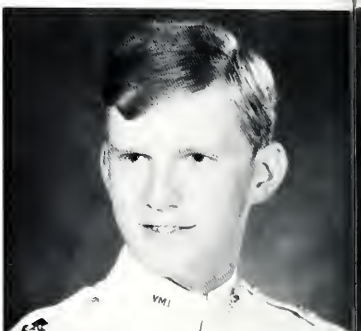
James Andrew Jackson

"Drew, Max, Son of Fang, Android"
Williamstown, WVa.
Army-Engineers

Honor court 2, 1, Prosecuter 1; Cpl. 3, 1st Sgt., 2nd Lt. 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; IEEE 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law 1, 20 club 2, 1; Lake Erie Club, 2, 1 . . .

I don't think I can give justice to four years of the Institute in 140 words. Hopefully, all the hard times and long nights will pay off-just like everyone tells us. I can't say, though, that there hasn't some good times. Stuffing Chuck's hay every other night, Buddy's Richmond episode, the Charleston trip, and flying to the lake will always bring fond memories. The things I'll remember most are friends we've made. I relied on a lot of them, especially my roomates, for all four years. You have my thanks. My greatest thanks, though, must go to my parents for all the support they've given me. Dad, you deserve a special thanks for all that you've done. Without both of yours' support, I doubt I would have made it. If I had to it again, now that it's over, I probably would.

DYKES 1978: Robert Merit Johann
1984: James Markus Morgan, III



Jacob Ruben Jaks

"Buck, Ike, Thistle-Kron"
Wheatland, California
Civil Engineering-USMC-Pilot

Honor Court 1; Posit Committee 3, 2, 1; Drug Council 1; Advisory Committee for election of new Superintendent 1; Institute Escorts 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1; College Republicans 4, 3; Cpl 3; Color Sgt 2; 1st Cpt 1

Why, Bob?

DYKES 1978: Mike Freitas
1984: Ashley Johnson
Artie Tringali









Dennis A. Johnson

"Doc, D.J."
Washington, D.C.
Economics-Armor

asketball; Promaji; Monogram Club; Society of Young conomists; Sir Edmund Hillary Club

Trying to put my experiences from the "I" into words practically impossible. All I can remember is that I me in smiling and I'm leaving with a brighter smile. ow that it's over, all I can do is use what I learned in .M.I.'s world" to my advantage in the "real world." ost of all, I think V.M.I. has introduced me to a class of ople that I wouldn't have met anywhere else. So ny people have helped me make it through the times ad at the "I", and my appreciation goes out to all of em. First, and most of all I want to thank my mother d father for their love and constant support for the t 21 years. Without your confidence in me, I don't ow how I would have made it. Then there's the fellas: ash, Squirrel, Mac, Coke, Louie, and Corky. I must y fellas, I can't believe we actually found a way to ve a good time at the "I", but I guess it took us to find like our dykes of '78 showed us. Finally, a special anks to the Basketball coaches, their wives who were ays good to me, and faculty members who helped e make it when times were hard, which was always. ell, V.M.I., I guess this is goodbye. I'll see you when I me back with the rest of the alumni.

KES 1978: Dave "Mongo" Montgomery
1984: Herman "Bo" Ford



William Paul Johnson

"W.P., Chirp, Chip"
Roanoke, Virginia
Economics-Infantry

Honor Court Representative 2, Vice Pres. 1; Capt. 1; Master Sgt. 2; Cpl 3; Posit Committee 3, 2; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, Pres. 1; Rugby 4; Boxing Intramural 1; Neal's Meals on Wheels 2, 1; Cabin Party 3, 2, 1

Chip came to V.M.I. from the big lick, Roanoke, Virginia and although the hour drive up the valley was like any other, this 17th of August was sure to bring a different twist.

The Ratline brought quite a turn around in our lives and many hardships we all had to endure. Somehow Chip seemed to find things a little easier than many of us, falling easily into stride with V.M.I. life. Chip emerged early on in our cadetship as a leader within the class.

Chip worked his way from corporal to company commander. He was honored by his classmates by being elected to the Honor Court, then served as Vice President of the Honor Court his First Class year.

Not too many people come along with the character Chip has displayed during his cadetship. Rooming with Chip has been a name dropper's dream, an experience none ot us will forget.

Someday W.P. will step out as one of V.M.I.'s best. His parents, friends, and Brother Rats will all be proud of him.

S.R.S

DYKES 1978: Greg Gearheart
1984: Johnny Mitchell, Chris Altizer



Andrew Shepherd Jordan

"Shep, Old Man, Yogi"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Economics - Air Force

Brother Rat; Class of 1982; Va. Tech Transfer Club 1; Young Economists 2; Lacrosse 4, 2; Glee Club 4; Pre-Law Society 3; Pervert Corner 3, 2

I am and always will be glad that I came to VMI even though life here has been somewhat less than pleasurable. There has been some good times but like they say, "its better to be from VMI than to be at VMI."

Of course I never could have made it trough without several special people. To the Rat Bear, Bloomer, Chip and Rai, thanks for all you've done for me over the years. To the boys in 212 who must endure next year at the "I" without me, all I have to say is, "Sorry, man!" And to my dear Sharon whose constant optimism, support and love has made it all worthwhile. I love you. And finally to my parents. Unfortunately, words will never be able to express the deep appreciation and love I feel for you. Thanks for hanging in there with me.

DYKES 1979: Mac Curtis









Mark Joseph Kanter

"Krabman"
Norfolk, Virginia
Chemistry/Biology-Civilian

American Chemical Society; Circle K Club; Chairman-Ring Figure 1981

Thoughts:
Remember, one has but four short years to receive enough demerits to last a lifetime.
What makes a boy come?
What keeps a boy here?
What changes boy to man?
What is a V.M.I. man?

The future is questions and answers.
V.M.I. men answer and question.

M.J.K.

I know what kept this boy here. Unsurpassed support from Sandy, Mom, Dad (in spirit) and the rest of my two families. I love and thank you all.

DYKES 1978: Mike Moore
1984: Curtis Randy Heath



Douglas Richard Kennedy

"Doug, Red, Scum"
Pittsburg (Title Town U.S.A.), Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering-Army-Engineers

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2, 1; Rugby 3; S.A.M.E. 2, 1; C.R.C. 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 2, 1; R.Q. Club 3, 2, 1; Citizen of B.V. 3, 2, 1; Dad 2, 1; Gentleman 4, 3, 2, 1

Doug come to V.M.I. looking for an education that might lead to a good job, and perhaps to get in the Army. Well, he got the Army, or maybe it's the Army has him. As to the education, his grammar is worse; his vocabulary is smaller, and he can't add without a black box. The most he learned about were the hills of Virginny and the stoop between his room and the sinks at R.Q. Doug stayed with the same three rommates for three years. These three years led to much trial, tribulation, and also good times. Keep in touch.

Thank you Mom and Dad for all your love and small talks you've given me. You'll always be the best parents in the world to me. Thanks to Marge and Bill too.
Keep low: Avoid flying laundry bags: And potholes.

DYKES 1978: "Rockin" Ron Carter
1984: Thomas L. "Pawty" Gregory



William Wilson King

"Weenie"
Radford, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Bolivian Coast Guard

Sunday Afternoon Spades Club 3; Sir Earl Club 2, 1
Jim Lunsford Fan Club 4, 3, 2; Rugby 2, 1; 01 Club 3, 2
1; Ronskin Mode 3, 2, 1; Ft. Bragg Standout 2; Maj
Maeger Fan Club 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1 (Thank God); Mallory
Hall Avoider 1; Jolly Jokers 2, 1; Survivor of Room 326

When I first came to this place I figured that my ra
year would be the worst year. How wrong I was. Thanks
to my dykes I almost had a normal freshman year. Ther
came the two years in my life that I would rather forget
The confinement, the lost friends, and simply putting up
with absurdity left my brain scrambled. How I manage
to avoid repeated mental and nervous break downs I'
never know. Thank God for all the boys that suffere
with me. Without the roomies and all the boys in 126
150, 148, 104, and 132 I could have never made it
Thanks for easing the pain. I would also like to thank m
mother who stood by me all the way. Finaly, I would lik
to thank Libby for not only standing by me when an
other girl would have left, but for having her foot in m
rear end when it needed to be. Thank the Almighty-It'
finally over.

DYKES 1978: Tim Gompers
1984: Scott "Scooter" Williams









Bruce Robert Kitchen

"Dr. Death, Beak Brother, Kitch"
Richmond, Virginia
Elecrtrical Engineering-Navy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, Tri-Captain 1; Southern Conference Player of the Week 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, Pres. 1; Pres., Slowest Person to the X Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Lat Night Study Club 3, 2; Late Night Goof-Off Club 1

I came to V.M.I. hoping to obtain many goals. However, time and experiences have caused me to modify those goals as witnessed by my dreams of getting rank going out the window the second day of cadre. I have learned the V.M.I. system the hard way. When you spend nine months of the first eighteen on confinement it's easy to become familiar with our beloved system. My diligence in learning the system has helped me these past two years (only 1½ months confinement to date). This V.M.I. system has different meanings for different people. To me it means honor, not only to others but yourself, loyalty to those ideals and people you believe in, and finally, friendship which is what I want to thank my roommates, teammates and B.R.s for. I also want to thank my family for thier unfailing support in good times and bad.

DYKES 1978: Chip DeCarli
1984: Jimbo Bishop
David Coon



Nels A. Kloster

Alexandria, Virginia
Economics- Air Force

My blouse is torn and tattered;
My dress hat's sadly battered,
I haven't shined by brasses,
Accoutrements, or gun;
I've a great load of demerit,
Though I bravely try to bear it,
For to break the regulations
Is a constant source of fun!
You may think my actions listless,
You may think that I am shiftless,
And imagine that for
Nothing do I care;
But your judgement will be shaken
When the final count is taken
of the men in life successful
for I'm certain to be there.

(M.E. Locke, Class of 1899)



Douglas Alan Knesal

"Doug, Disco, X-caliber, and other's that can't be mentioned"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics-Army Cavalry

Orienteering Club 4, 3, 2, 1; AUSA 4; 3; 2; V.M.I. Scouters 1; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Tanker Platoon 2, 1; Commander 1; 1*st* Battalion S-2 1; Barracks Sniper 2, 1; SFYL 4, 3, 2; Raid reception team 1; Summer school 4, 3, 2, 1 (?); West Point 0-Club survival course 3, 1 (?); Duck's Derilick 4, 3, 2; V.M.I. Stunt Drivers Association (navigator) 1

Ever since Doug came to V.M.I. as a Rat, his life has changed drastically. Starting out the year rooming with Rittenhouse, life couldn't have been worese! Well, as a second life got better and now as a first, Doug ruled over barracks. Promoted from private to 1*st* Battalion S-2 (cadet general under-cover) Doug managed to confuse and bewilder the TACS as well as anyone. What will become of Doug only time will tell. HCS

Well as usual this is being written as all has been written at the I, AT *THE LAST MINUTE*. These four years have been long, but worth it and I'd do it again if I had to. I'd like to thank my parents for putting up with me here (and at summer school). I'd also like to thank my O.A. Brothers for their encouragment when we are together. Finally I'd like to thank Mr. William Crumpler ('53) for kicking me when I'd try and give up and for being there when I needed to talk. May all be well and your trails be clear and wide.

"The West is dead!
You may lose a sweetheart.
But you won't forget her."

CMR

DYKES 1978: Leland Horn
1984: Brian "The Troll" Kroll









Andrew Lawrence Kolesar

"Drew"
Hamilton, Ohio
Civil Engineering-Army-Engineers

Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, Vice Pres. 1; Dean's Honor List 4, 3, 2, 1; Concrete Canoe Committee 2

"The greater the difficulty, the greater the glory."
Cicero

My four years at V.M.I. are almost over and I've begun to develop a sense of appreciation for this same place I've cursed since the day I arrived. I'm glad I've made it through, but honestly, I wouldn't want to do it again. The hardships we've all experienced here and overcame will surely prepare us for what a waits us in the "real" world.

I'll never forget the friendships I've made here. Thanks to Coach Ayers for giving me the chance to come here. Thanks to Bern, Satch, Count, Tom, and all the others who kept me laughing through four years. We did have some great times. And thanks especially to my parents and family who were always behind me with love and encouragement.

Here's to good times and success in the future.
A.L.K.

DYKES 1978: Pat Kelley
1984: Hank Selman



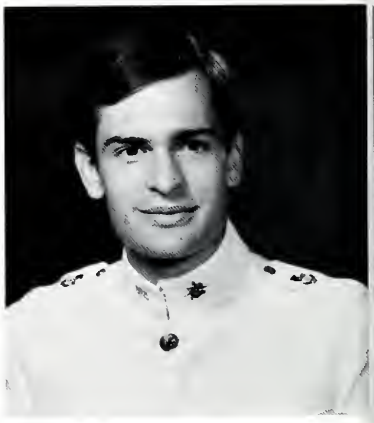
John H. Kostisin

"Kos, Beatle"
Clifton, New Jersey
History-Special Student

Cadet 4, 3, 2, 1

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.
Robert Frost

DYKES 1984: Edward Gainsborg



Gregory A. Kwiatkowski

"C and P, Telephone Man"
McLean, Virginia
Electrical Engineer-Telephone Operator

When wisdom entereth into thine heart,
and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;
Discretion shall preserve thee,
understanding shall keep thee;
Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,
and the man that getteth understanding:
For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver,
and the gain thereof than fine gold.

DYKES 1977: Clark Tingsabat
1983: Derek Patterson
Bob Salvatorelli









Elder Lee Lash

"Bo, Deacon"
Portsmouth, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force-Pilot

\cademically Distinguished 2; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; .I.P.; S.A.M.E. 3, 2, 1; A.S.C.E. 3,2, 1; Intramural oxing 2, 1; College Republicans 4, 3; Scuba Club ; G.C.R. Club 3, 2, 1; R.F.Y.L. 3

There are so many things that you can say about friend when you have gone through so much with im. For Elder, it would be hard to even begin in this hort space. The one thing that stands out more han anything about Elder is that he's the type of uy that you're not only glad you can call your Brother Rat" but he's the kind of guy that you're lad you can call your friend.

Elder, we've been through a lot here together. We ame all the way from Col. Sculley's Intro. to C.E. to t. Col. Paynes' Reinforced Concrete Design and it oks like we're finally gonna make it.

Take care "Brother Rat"; a friendship like yours is ne of the things that makes V.M.I. worth it.

R.D.B. '81

Thanks to everybody! Especially God and you lom and Dad!

YKES 1978: Robert R. Henkel
1984: Mark A. Draper



Andre Eugene Lauzier

"Laz, Drew"
Fairfax, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Engineer

J.V. Basketball 4; Varsity Basketball Manager 3, 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1; Ring Figure Magazine Editor 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1

Andy not having known you for our first year and a half was definitely my loss. Just think when you were homeless I could have made a mistake by saying no. Of course you never would have experienced Clinker nor been able to use my hay on the barracks roof. Then again Fairfax, MBC, and Sem. would have been out of touch, what a ladies man! Good roommates are hard to come by, good friends are even harder, you are most definitely both of them. Graduation will certainly finish the rivalries for room "Rack King" and whom could eat more from my food box. Hoever the beginning of the citizen and the end of the soldier is unequivocally worth the demise of these rivalries. Take care and good luck.

MJK

Mom and Dad words cannot express what you've done for me. I love you.

DYKES 1978: Wes Shull
1981: John "Disco" Cummings



James Edward Langan

Bethel Park, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering-Army-Engineers

Bag Bros 2, 1; PX Cowboy 2, 1; Honorary Tarheel 4, 3; Pittsburgh Fan 4, 3, 2, 1, 0; Rat 4; Cpl. 3; M-Sgt. 2; Cpt., Reg. S-4 1; Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; D.M.G.

I don't remember the first time I met Jim, but most likely I didn't like him. He is smart, strong and confident. His accomplishments have been outstanding and there is no doubt in my mind he will go far in whatever he decides to do. Jim has always been someone I could depend on when I was having a problem. He has been a real super friend and I will miss him atter graduation. Good luck Jim, and even more luck (and congratulations) to the one who lives with you in the future. CDT (SB)

Is it time for this already? Thanks much; Mom, Dad, Jill, John, a small group of kin in N.C., Mark, Ellen, Frank, and a special thanks to my grandmothers who were my greatest inspiration. I hope that I don't forget what VMI and '78 has tried to teach me. Drive on Dewski. It's been real.

DYKES 1975: Franklin Hillson
1978: Mark Walrod
1984: Dewey (Dewski) Olinski









Edwin Charles Lawless

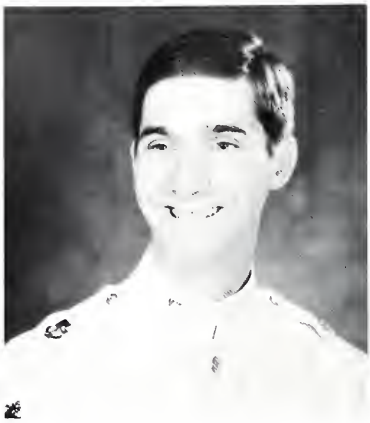
"Ed, Fat Ed, Suitcase"
Mclean, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Field Artillery

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; T.C.T.C. 3; Rifle Team 4, 2; Cynic 4, 3, 2, 1; Cathy Conrad Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Frustrated Hokie 4, 3, 2, 1; Circile 3 Club 2, 1; Ft. Bragg-Drag 1; Ring construction 2; College Republicans 4; DMS

I didn't know Ed back at Mclean High School, but I've heard that he and the Bobber were a pretty wild pair. They adjusted their antics to VMI, where they have been a source of constant amusement to me, doing crazy things. One day back in 1977, Ed met this girl name Cathy. She's one othe few things Ed takes seriously. He quite the cynic, but the combination of cynicism and sense of humor helped me make it thriugh the past two years. Good luck Ed. you've been a great fellow rat . . . MJR

Many thanks to the great friends that have kept me in line; Bob, Bear, Jeff, Mike, J.R., Scottie, and the rest. Cathy, thanks for being understanding, even when you didn't understand. I love you. What can I say about Mom and Dad? Y'all are the best.

DYKES 1978: Bill McCampbell
1984: Mike Efremov



Robert J. Lawless, Jr.

"Rob
East Granby, Ct.
History-Army

Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club Treasurer 2; Glee Club Vice President 1; AUSA 4, 3, 2, 1; AUSA Vice President 1; Rangers 2, 1; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Battalion S-4 1; DMS 1; Army ROTC Scholarship 2, 1;

Rob Lawless is the classic "pencilneck ranker"; every VMI class has one. Obsessed with the Punctilio of VMI life, he came to Virginia from the north, seeking, like most of us then, a military career. Dykeless at times, Rob pulled himself from a rat to a ranker, and as a ranker he will most be remembered. Rob's life at VMI, to him, was different. Separated from Myra, his love, he threw himself into the VMI system. He leaves here with a regular commission, and a fear of emptiness of Army life. Like most of us he often wondered whether coming here to VMI was a wise decision. Rob is good at military life, and if he sticks with it he will succeed. If he doesn't, he will still leave here, more sensitive, well developed, and a more critical man. GMB



Raymond Richard Lawson

"Ray, Lucky, Monty Python"
Stewartsville, New Jersey
Electrical Engineering-Air Force-Special Student

Glee Club Pianist 4, 3; IEEE 4, 3, 2; Pres. 1; NY-NJ Club 4, 3; Weight Training 2, 1; EE Late Night Study Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Radio Room Comedian 3, 2, 1; RMWC 2, 1; NEB Missle Silo 2;

In reflectin back upon my cadetship, I find that my feelings toward VMI are those of pride and those of dislike. I have learned many valuable lessons, made many close friends, and even had an occasional good time (believe it or not!). I have seen may changes which I have somehow survive them. I wish the best of luck to Pete, Mike, Joe, and the dykes of Room 110, my B.R.s, and MWC. I know that I will leave VMI with the pride, honor, and Self discipline needed for future success. Last, but not least I'd like to thank Mom, Dad, JoAnn (Peanut), and Nan for helping me make it through this place.

"We're outta here: Like new suits."

DYKES 1978: Scott Konkus
1984: Bill Dunsing









Mark Garland Layne

"Train, earth pig, pig of earth"

Varsity football 4, 3, 2, 1; (tri capt.); OL Club 3, 2, 1; Maj Maeger fan club 2, 1; Sun. afternoon spades 3; Monogram club 3, 2, 1; sub cult 3, 2, 1; Ronskin modee 3, 2, 1. Friday night club 2, 1. Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1

I came to VMI not knowing quite what to expect. Four years have gone by the way side and I still dont know what to expect. I have hated every minute spent within the confines of this hell hole. I seek rationality and find irrationality, reality has yet to be uncovered.

The frienships made will last forever. I will not name them for they know who they are. Most of all I would like to thank my family for their unyielding love and understanding. To Leslie goes all my love and the thoughts of a great life ahead. After four years I still know who I am, I haven't changed only adapted. Never sacrifice your principals! All that is gold does not glitter, not all those who wander are lost; the old that is strong does not wither, deep roots are not reached by the frost. From the ashes of the fire shall spring; renewed shall be blade that was broken, the crownless again shall be king. JRR Tolkien

DYKES 1978: Jim "Landhshark" Reynolds
1984: Kemper Wharton, Jay McDowell



Harry Gravely Lee, Jr.

"Hank, Lighthorse, Harry G."
Richmond, Virginia
Very Special Student

Young Democrats 3, 2; Number One Club, 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse Club, 4, 3, 2; Officer of the Guard Association, 1, President, 1; All Pro, 3.

I came here knowing what I was getting into and I wasn't let down. This place wore me down but a lot of good times form the Y.D., the road trips and the whole hell-raisin' crew made this trip worthwhile. There have been many who have tried to get the best of the Yacht Club but we showed them we've few equals in the game of V.M.I. (Henry, Cloudy, Le Mieux, and Moose have been the best shipmates I have saile with in an up-stream battle).

I know I have made it rough Mom and Dad, and I love you both for sticking by me when things went badly.

DYKES 1978: Wads Bugg
1984: Matt Martin, Kevin Sample



William Groom Leftwich III

"Lefty, Cookie, Bill, Prepwich, Josiah"
Annandale, Virginia.
English; United States Marine Corps.

Pvt 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Second Lt 1; Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; Secretary, President English Society 3, 2, 1; Business Manager/Editor Sounding Brass; Master Sgt, XO V.M.I. Firefighters; Assistant Business Manager Ring Figure Magazine; U.S.M.C. Detachment 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Staff; Cadet Publications Board 3, 2, 1; Handball 4, 3, 2, 1; Knowlege Nector Devotee 4, 3, 2, 1; Rising Sun Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Mary Baldwin 3, 2, 1; V.M.I. Symposium 1980; Institute Escort 2, 1. Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, VMI Bomb Staff

In every class that leaves the Institute, there leaves with it a few outstanding individuals. These individuals seem to achieve practically every honor a cadet could possibly obtain during his four years here. William Groom Leftwich is certainly one of those very few individuals. "Josiah," Leftwich met, and soundly defeated the challenges of the V.M.I System. Prepwich, however, believing that "all work and no play makes Cookie a very dull boy," never found it difficult to trade his V.M.I. greys for khaki and Oxford. Lefty often reconnoitered the infamous Sunday parties at various girls' schools, plus found ample time to "rush" the Frats at W&L (Weenie Smith from Phallus, Wisc.). Never the less, Cookie always accomplished his mission! Bill, if I may, let me just say, you are first rate! May God and Chesty Puller always be with you.

C.P.D.

DYKES 1978: Mark Engle
1984: Robert E. Lee III









Wallace Howard Lloyd, III

"Trip, T.L.L.C., Willard."
Falls Church, Virginia.
Biology, Navy.

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Corporal 3; V.M.I. Glee Club 4, 3, 2; Concert Coordinator 1; V.M.I. Theater, Stage Manager 4, 3, 1, Vice-President 2; Ring Figure Committee 81; Associate Member C.B.C. 2; Second Class Car Club; Baldwin Raid Casualty '77 4.

One day in February of 1977 my father brought me to V.M.I. for a visitation weekend. When we left the Institute that Sunday I made him promise never to let me come back to this place. Six months later I walked down the Parapit stairs.

I have come full circle now. What once looked like a prison is just beginning to take on the appearance of a castle. A very special woman has come into my life and has erased all the lonely memories of my past. I look at my dykes and see how much of myself is in them, and wonder if I was ever really like they are now; knowing full well I was.

To Mom, Dad, Peter, Grandaddy Amos, Laura, and my roomates a special thank you.

Trip

Cheers; or as we say in the Navy, Welcome Aboard."

DYKES 1978: Robert Eagle
1984: William R. Dingeman, M. Wesley Demory



John Paul Locher

"Loch-Ears, Ears."
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil-Engineering, Army Engineer

Football 4; Basketball 3; Baseball 3; O.G.A. Investigator 1; Labor Foreman, Concrete Canoe Club 1; Drug Committee 1; Ski Club.

It all started August 17, 1977. We were all condemned to V.M.I. for four long years, agonizing years. Two of us came from the real "Holy City", and the other from the "Burg." We all had certain goals to obtain, and have since travelled down many different paths to reach them.

"Ears", you and your family, especially Mama Locher, have done a great deal to make life easier for a lot of B.R.'s. Though we did not cease to raise hell while we have been at V.M.I., I hope our friends can continue on for the rest of ourlives. Never loose touch with ole 390, 290, 152, and 144 WIVER.

DYKES 1978: Drew, Danny, Thornton, The Ferg.
1984: Scott Carter - "Muscle Head"



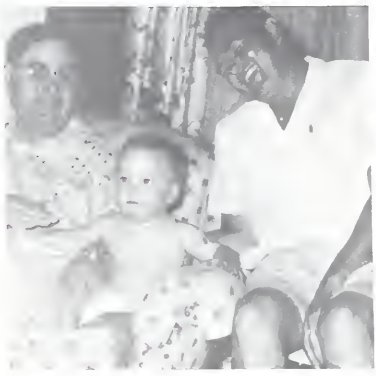
David Patrick Loduca

"Lou, Louis"
St. Louis, Missouri
Electrical Engineering-Navy

Regimental Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Bugler 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3; Private 4, 2, 1; Corporal 3; Civil War Roundtable 4, 3; Third Class Finance Committee 3, 2; I.E.E.E. 1; C.C.C.O. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dust Biter 1

I'd like to thank all the roommates: Dean, Frank, Charlie (wherever you are) and Jimmy; you all made for a good 4 years. My thanks go to Maggie for making my last 2 years in this hole almost tolerable; and a special thanks to Mom and Dad for this invaluable opportunity you have afforded me. DPL '81

DYKES 1977: Johnny Hobbs
1984: Kenyon Gill; Rick Russell









Robert Vincent Longo

"Bob-O, Arnold;"
Bloomfield, New Jersey.
Economics, Army-Armor.

President of the Pre-Law Society; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Pep Band 4; Regimental Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Young Economists' Society 2; Publications Board; Placement Program.

I knew Bob was a good guy from the moment I met him . . . He was from New Jersey. Even though Bob studied a lot (too much I thought), he could still go out and party with the best of them. I'll always remember the good times we had together, especially Ring Figure with Tracey. I hope our friendship continues past graduation because he is a remarkable person. I know he will be a successful lawyer because he has what it takes to be one. Someday I might need a good lawyer. Thank you Bob for being a great friend and Brother Rat.

J.F.B. '81

P.S. Maybe my Mom will send food boxes to Yale!

I would like to thank my parents and sister for having faith in me, encouraging me, and always listening to my endless complaining. Love, Robert.

DYKES 1978: John Roser
1984: Robert Holmes



Calvin Eugene Loving, Jr.

"Lovers, Dr. Love, Genus-A, geno, Mig"
Palmyra, Virginia
Economics, Air Force-Missiles

Pvt 4, 3, 2; Cpl 3; Plt Sgt 2; 2Lt 1; Cheerleader 1; Young Economists 3; TCFC 3, 2; Confinement Kid 3, 2, 1; Rifle Team 2; Dean's Other list 4, 3, 2, 1; Tracey Boogie Club 3, 2, 1; Overeasy's 2; Sultan of Swang 2, 1; Used and Abused by J.M.U. 2; 307's Window Frig and Party Lounge; Trowel King 2, 1; Bug Lover 1; Lord of the Rack 3, 2, 1.

Believe me, Gene, this is the real thing this time. It's a wonder how the "Flying Fluco" from Palmyra could withstand a cadetship such as his. Living with a heart-sick manic-depressive, inebriated prep, and a farm boy took some doing for a year. Really, taking in that Yankee was real kind of you, right Dan? Seriously, Calvin, I salute you, with another Falstaff of course Bruce, pass me another one. Cal, you'll never receive an award for being on Uncle Ernie's favorite list, but one for being a kind and understanding friend, thanks Gene. Hey, let's Graduate. Where's Palmyra?

C.P.D.

Mom, Dad, Lisa, Cathy, Mark, G Momma, C + L; Roomies, Skitz, Jew, Squat, Peach, Wags, Nerd, you've been great. Most of all I want to thank Bug for her love, patience, and always there when I needed her, I love you so much!

DYKES 1978: A. Nerd I Was
1984: Roscoe, J.R. (Playboy), Omans, G.A. II (Phantom)



Mark Steven Lowe

"Low-Rider, T.D., Redneck, Disco Kid, Spitshine"
Reston, Virginia
History-Army-Infantry

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2; Rat Company XO 1, Cadre 1; Ring Figure Committee '81; Institute Escort 1; VMI Campaign 1; Asst. 2nd Class Editor (Bomb); Flag Football Intramural, CIC; RFYL 4, 3, 2, 1; Circle K 3, 2; AUSA 4, 3; Handball 3, 2; Dean's Other List 4, 3, 2, 1; Number "1" Club, VP; NHC, Pres.; Disco '75 Dance Instructor; Mary Baldwin Club 3, 2, 1; Summer School 3, 2; Crash Corner, Pres. 2; OMD 3, 2, 1

I came to VMI thinking I was going to have an easy time with an older brother being a 1st Classman. I soon discovered that my problems increased because of him and that I was glad to get out of the Rat Line alive. Third Class year was a very tiring one because of academics and the great pleasure of receiving my Number "1". (Sorry I forgot to tell you Mom!) Second Class year brought Ring Figure and the reality of not having a date until 10 days before the big night. First Class year was full of excitement and fun for all of us and we thoroughly enjoyed all the priviliges that we had earned in 3 years.

I would like to thank you Mom and Dad for standing behind me all the way, to David who would always bail me out of my financial disasters and to Bill who allowed me to follow in his footsteps and who is the greatest brother in the world! Also, to Kim and Linda who would treat me as their family when I came home from school. Special thanks should go to Paul, Frank, Nick and Steve for putting up with me as their roommate.

MSL '81

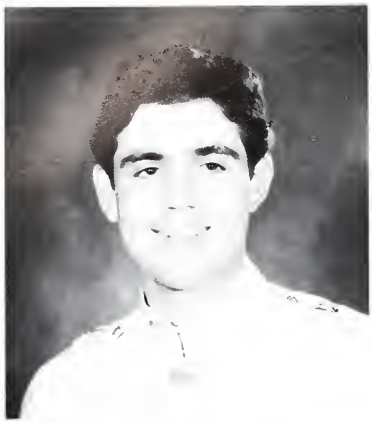
DYKES 1978: Rob Traver
1984: Anthony "Gus" Agostinelli
Tom "D.S." Berry











Gregg Murray Lynam

"Gary, Linoleum"
Westchester, Pennsylvania
Economics, Army - Armor

Pvt 4, 2, 1, Cpl 3; Pre-Law Society; International Relations Club; V.M.I. Firefighters 2; Society of Young Economists.

When Gregg came to the Institute he suddenly encountered the Spartan Life of a Rat. Linoleum survived the rigors of the Ratline to emerge a motivated Corporal his 3rd Class year. (and Class year he was adopted by "Hody" and "Earl" and succumbed the McCarthy-Hanratty curse. Gregg soon accumulated numerous demerits, and found those much sought after stripes out of reach. Accepting his fate to remain a private he soon directed his attention to higher pursuits (i.e. girls' schools, his rack, and the much coveted I.R.C.). 1st Class year Gregg cruised on post in his Firebird ready to visit girls' schools and Spanky's for F.C.P. As he goes on to bigger and better things, we wish him luck. He'll need it having used most of it for his daily unauthorized hay-down. Best Wishes!

J.W.M. and J.A.H.

DYKES: 1978: Dave Colonna
1984: Ed Elliott



Dennis Bincent Maguire

"Denucci"
Newton, Massachusetts
History-Air Force

"Better late than never."

Titus Livius

How do you sum up a cadetship which never seems to end? Especially as a GC First. It's similar to going to the airport and never taking a flight. It gets old quickly when your roommates keep graduating on you. Instead of ROTC checks, I receive Social Security. Alas, one more semester and the "I" will terminate our relationship.

When I leave here, I will leave with no regrets. The friends and experiences have been worth it. Summer School in Lexington and "being young" in D.C. are only a few, right Shaun? Working on the Bomb gave me a great understanding of Lee Iacocca, but we made it!

I have tried to think of what I can say to my family; but I cannot find the proper words. Your love and understanding has had the greatest meaning in my collage life. The words of JFK most appropriately describe our commencement.

"It is time for a new generation of leadership, to cope with new problems and new opportunities. For there is a new world to be won."

DYKES: 1977: Joseph R. White
1983: Todd Miles
1984: Mohammes Khandan-Barani
Anthoney Young



Gerald Rollan Manley

"Jerry, Reds, Manlove, Snake, A—hole"
Alexandria, Virginia

Civil Engineering- Navy-Nuclear Power Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3 Regimental Color Sgt. 2; Cool-Breeze Ranker 2; Firecracker Throwers 2; Pvt. 2, 1; Firefighters 2, 1; Institute Escort 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Class Historian 2, 1; RDC 1; Seals (from birth); ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; IRACE 4, 3, 2, 1, Azalea Festival Escort 1; Ring Figure Rock Painting Committee 2

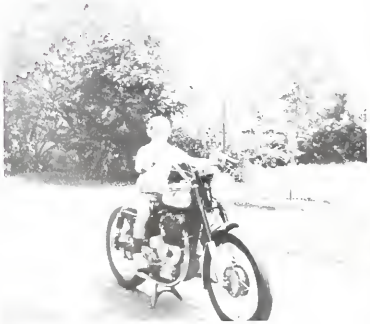
Rat Manley's most striking trait was a familiarity with the system gained through his brother Tom ('79). No many other rats had to be reminded constantly that they were no longer on a first-name basis with their first sergeant and other cadre.

Many would have been content to let it ride after such a good start, but not Jerry. A cadre corporal and then regimental sergeant, Jerry would have become a big time ranker first class year, if he had not tried to assassinate a Tac with dangerous pyrotechnics. This same sense of timing exhibited in the "firecracker" incident has also characterized Manlove's many affairs with the ladies.

The high degree of respect accorded Jerry was demonstrated when he was elected Class Historian. His dependability and genuine concern for others will take him far in whatever path he chooses.

GCO '8

DYKES: 1978: Bob Longwell
1984: Frank Kollmansperger
Taylor Smallwood









Scot Wayland Marsh

"Anvil Head"
Strasburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army -Armor

Honor Court Representative-1; Pvt.-4; Cpl.-3; Sgt.-2; 1st Lt.-1; S-5 Staff; TCFC-2; ASCE-3, 2, 1; 81 Ring Figure Rock Painting Commando Team; Cabin Party-3, 2, 1.

From the cabin in Srasburg came the only human being who could stand my singing. Scot spent Rat year trying to please a most unhappy dyke, who felt that Scot was trying to have him boned out of school. Tragedy struck Scot twice with roomies Jim and Ron, each time seeing him lift his head and carry on. 2nd class year brought a truck, road trips, good times, and a fling with a yankee girl. 1st class year saw a staffer emerge, with a grub privates heart. This whirlwind four year period from rat to first has not changed the basic Scot, and honest, friendly, respected, and thoughtful friend, one I shall not forget for many years to come. W.J.D.

The last four years at VMI have afforded me many unforgetable memories and difficult roads. Yet, of all the things that I did, or I was apart of, my most precious memories will be of the friendships that I made and of the brotherhood, that I will always be apart of.

DYKES 1978: Bruce Morris
1984: "Big" John Minehan



Nathaniel Clayton Manson Massie III

"Mass, Manse, Munse, Charlie"
Glasgow, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Navy-Special Student

Trainer 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Special Student 3, 2, 1

The first time I met Manson, I thought that he was arrogant and stubborn. Since then, he has done everything possible to live up to my initial impression. For three years we have traded insults about andthing and everything. Now that we have run out of things to argue about, I have come to the conclusion that he's not so bad after all. JIR

I will always be grateful for the education I received here, both in and out of the classroom, and especially grateful for the friends I have made. I would like to thank my roommates for putting up with me these past three years. I have found support and peace of mind in their laughter many times. Finally, I would like to extend a special thanks to my parents without whose guidance and support these four years would not have been possible. N.C.M.M.III

DYKES 1978: Garry "Earl" Spencer
1984: George Foresman
Doug Wright



Gabriele Salvatore Mastrobuono

"Gabe, Gabe-O, Gibby, Bert"
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Chemistry-Air Force-pilot

Uncle Bob's Football Team 4, 3, 2, 1; "400-lbs" Club S'80 Vice-Pres of Dean's Dippers 3, 2, 1; Jussel, Myler, and Lunsford Fan Club 4, 3, 2; Dyke Roomie 3; After Hours Lab 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; "32" Club 2, 1; Duck's Dial-a-Brew 4; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1 - Hey Bert? . . . Never Mind!!!; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 1.

I've spent a lot of time collecting my thoughts in order to express how I've gone through life at VMI. My decision to attend VMI was of my own choice, ceteris paribus. Now it has ended, ! I've come out with a military committment, unforgettable friendships, numerous football follies, and a frustrating academic and "military" life.

Life in the Ghetto isn't all that bad. You push hard enough, your day will come. The frustration comes when your effort brings you back down. This is when your second effort comes into play. Be a critical thinker. This Bud's for me.

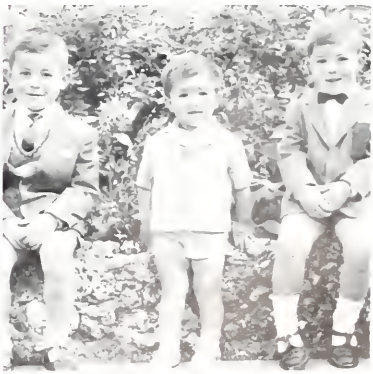
Thanks and love to you Caro, Mama, and Papa. Pop, thanks for letting me know the Philly sports scores on Sunday nights. Take care and love to you all - Pete, Graz, Franky, Aunt Lucy and Uncle Fred, the Melsos, the Gentiles, the Bryans, "32", etc, etc. This Bud's for you!!!

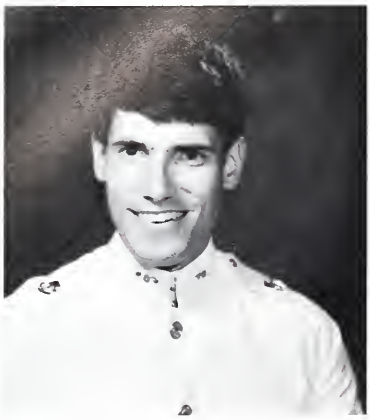
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DYKES 1978: Mark Gentile
1984: Tom Carboni









Stephen Michael Maurer

"Mau-Mau, Hammerhead, Hammer, Grits"
Longmeadow, Massachusetts
Chemistry-Army-Chemical Corps

Not much besides studying alot 4, 3, 2, 1; Conduct probation 1; VMI Theater 2, 1; Cooperate and graduate club 2, 1; Student apathy committee 2, 1

A man saw a ball of gold in the sky;
He climbed for it,
And eventually he achieved it-
It was clay.

Now this is the strange part:
When the man went to earth
And looked again,
Lo, there was the ball of gold.
Now is the strange part:
It was a ball of gold.
Ay, by the heavens, it was a ball of gold.
Stephen Crane

DYKES 1978: Robert Lee Fricke
1984: Gregory Michigan & Henry Simpson



Joseph White McCarthy

"J.W., Hody, Twitch '81"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Corps of Engineers

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Bomb (Art Staff) 2, 1; VMI Fire Fighters 3, 2; International Relations Club 2, 1 Trip Coordinator 1; American Society of Civil Engineers 3, 2, 1, Association of the United States Army 4; Earl's Laundry Supply Company (Chief Sales Rep.) 1; Secretary, Ghetto Cruiser Club 1; Civil War Round Table 4, 3, 2, 1.

What can you say about this quiet, reserved guy all the girls at MBC love - especially when he turns into the wild king of shag on the dance floor. Joe stumbled in from Lynchburg four years ago, got into demerit/confinement trouble, and has been in that position ever since. Either because of the requirements of C.E. or a passion for staying up late - Jody always takes late study, and still has to finish his homework before first CP. We still don't know how you went from a 1.8 to a 3.8 from 1st to 2nd semester. Always remember Joe, Papa Jolo says: never mix Maddog and Wild Irish Rose. You're still a lightweight - only men can handle that kind of drinking. Good luck Jody - and get your glasses fixed.

GML
JAH

DYKES 1978: John Bowman
1984: Walter "Yo-Walt" Baskin



Benjamin Balmer McClellan

"Ben Bomber"
Fairfax, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Corps of Engineers

Cpl 3; Reg Color Sgt. turned Pvt. 2; 1 Bn, 5-3; Golf Monogram Club; 3; Band 4, 3; Cadre 2, 1; Class Pat Committee 3; Asce 3, 2, 1; M.H.B.S.A. Secretary Late Study Stud 2, 1.

I met Ben Third Class Year. He Was The guy w slept all the time. He wouldn't have made color sergea if not for an act of "god." He was so dedicated to bei a gim sergeant that he spent the whole year destroyi parts of his body so that he could be actually on the g too After Christmas and the posting of the exce sheets Ben lost his stripes I still remember the cerem nious way he cut them off. Second Class year was al the year of M.G.E. Joe and I never did understand thc status slips or her unique way of writing a letter on t edge of an envelope. First Class year is here and J and I still room with a ranker- but things are still GA R.J.C.

I would like to thank my parents, brother, dyke, a all my roommates who helped me when I needed th most.

DYKES 1978: Dwight S. Weirlich
1984: Jim Boghosian, Pat Coulson









Brian Anthony McCue

"duck, gazelle, cuesky"
Somerville, Ma.
EE-Navy

IEEE 2, 1; Rugby Club 2, 1; Deans List 4, 3; Barese Club 1, Post Roanoke 1, cpl. 3, sgt. 2. pvt. 1 Bruces brother and John's best friend 1.

Brian and I dyked together rat year, he slept on our dykes bed more than they did. Between the comedy tapes, the colonel at Mallory, we never stopped laughing. Remember the night we did the Steve Martin routine for KC until 0200. In terms of friendship. I would consider Brian a close brother. There is not much else to say except thanks for being a friend, Brian! A true friend! Keep in touch (seats). "Joe Pro". Joe we finally made it Cold steel made it. Cold steel and A.T. I wouldn't have survived all those Rugby weekends w/o a hooker and a lab B.R. Thanks also to the rugby club for keeping my sanity in tact. Hey Barese, Salud! My appreciation for their love and support w/o which I couldn't have made it.

DYKES: 1978: Bob Beaver
1981: Steve Sullivan



Richard Joseph McCue

"Moose"
Falls Church, Virginia
Economics-Special Student

Football 1; Y.C. 2, 1; Karate Club 3, 2; Society of Young Economist, 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 4, 3; T.C.F.C. 3, 2 Co-Chairman, S.E.H. 1: Number one Club 1

This place is hell but some say I'm going to make it due to the help of a lot of friends. The studies here aren't that bad but I guess my grades don't look so hot because I'm lazy like Pa always said. Plus I have a good mind for priorities, like having a good time and sleeping. I came here four years ago with intensions of becoming a career military man but since attending this fine Institution with it's outstanding military leaders, I've decided to stay far away from the military. No don't get me wrong, I wouldn't go to another school. Mostly because of all the great people I've met here, especially my roommates, Hank, Clarkson, Bruce and Cloudy. We did have a great time in the Yacht Club! But most importantly I need to say thanks to my family and Chris for their support while I've been here. I know it was hard for you all. Thanks, Ricky.

DYKES: 1978: Mike KacCarthy
1984: Sam Brown, Steve Fredricks



William James McDonald

"Big Mac, Munchkin, Bill Vicious, Buddy Bill"
Burlington, Mass.
History-Army Infantry

Karate Club 4, Rangers 3; Sport Parachute Club 4; Airborne School 3; Air Assault School 2; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Private 1; The "I Know Women" Club 3, 2, 1; Plantinum Zambonies 2, 1; Sigma Nu Raiders, Forever.

I could Always Depend on Big Mac, Ready to fight, drink, bring down the house, and of course search for Girls. Few people can imagine what it's like to live with the founder of the "I Know Women" Club; believe me, after a month of room confinement in the same room I can tell you.

Mac is a surviver, as we all are at VMI, He lived through Gunsberg's Papers, impatient roomates, the Sigma Nu night, cruisin' in the Cuda, and jump school where many of learned how reassuring it was to have a Br around.

Someday Bill, you'll be treking thru that great jungle in the sky and a hand will reach out and touch your shoulder and a voice will say, "Hey Big Mac." Good luck. NCT

DYKES 1978: Mark Bottomly
1984: Alan Meade









Ronald Edward McGee

"Ron"
Rougemount, North Carolina
History-USMC

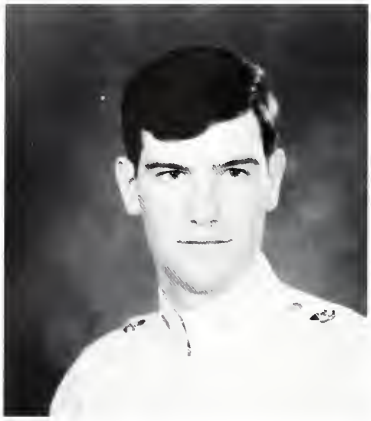
Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; No Club Organization 4, 3, 2, 1.

August 17, 1977, Matriculation-May 16, 1981, Graduation! Moma, papy, "Creek," "Ella," I made it! Not only that but I've still got my sanity (I think). Although the "I's" trials and tribulations have gone, the memories linger: the good memories-leaving on Christmas and summer furloughs- as well as the dominating bad memories-returning from the same, getting my shoes confiscated, serving PT's confinement, etc.

Yes, the VMI did, more often than not, assume the demonic character of being an institute of relentless obstacles and hardships to oversome. But, that is exactly what makes the Institute unique, its students unique, and above all us alumni unique.

I came to the Institute seeking a college degree and a military commission. I left the Institute with a college degree and a military commission. -I accomplished what I resolved to accomplish.

DYKES 1978: Joe Tulski
1984: Jim Dixion



John S. McKeegan

"Ugh, Ugly II"
New City, New Jersey
Economics-Navy-Special Student

Scuba 4; Track 1; X Country 1; Society of Young Economist 4; Sleeping 4, 3, 2, 1; Fire Fighters 4.

VMI has been a great experience for me. These last four years have taught me a great deal about myself. Looking at the future all I can see are responcibilities. The life I had here will soon be over. Like my "Brother Rats" I did not have great amounts of freedom here at "Mother I", but I do owe her a lot. I learned more about myself and other people then i could possibly have learnt in any other school. I know this to be a fact because I spent one year at another school. At that school I saw how little faith people really had in their abilities. My grades have not been as good as they would have been in another school, but VMI has given me other things more important. I could never put a price on the opportunity cost of not having attended this Institution of higher learning. My friends are just one of those factors involved in that cost. Where else could you find such divoted friends.



Alan Malcolm McLachlan

"Big Al, Al, Mac"
Pan Mun Jom, Korea
History-French-Navy

Soccer 4, 3, 2; President Karate Club 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; Number one Club 2; Staunton to Lexington Grand Prix-20 minute; Club 402 Alumnus; Deans List 4, 3, 2, 1.

The kid from Korea was/is different but has proven to be a true VMI man anyway. He's got integrity, loyalty and breeding. But don't forget his thurst for booze, women, thrills and weird clothes or we're not talking about the same man. Al is intense and his long list of accomplishments will attest to that. He plays hard, parties harder but studies like a monk. He's an achiever who gets what he wants. Come May 16, Al will leave behind a trail of empty bottles, AC stars, speeding tickets, varsity letters and good friends. He is my friend and four year roomate and I will long remember our stay here. Who could ever forget? JFF "81"

Thanks, John. You and Billy will forever be close friends. My dad was my inspiration, my mom is the most faithful mom a son could have.









Michael Richard McLeod

"Cloudy"
Electrical Engineering-Navy-Pilot

Football 4; NROTC Pistol Team 3, 2 (Capt.); 1 (Capt); VMI Rugby Football Club 3, 2, 1; VMI Sport Parachute Club 1 (Pres.); DBS 1; Yacht Club 3, 2, 1.

While my stay at VMI has been the most difficult and challenging time of my life, it has also been the most rewarding. The roommates, classmates, and friends I have met are second to none, As we all worked and struggled through college we managed to find time to become better persons. To all my roommates and friends I owe many thanks for helping me to develop myself and for the many wild times I've experienced. A special note of appreciation goes to my parents and family, for giving me the desire and will to achieve my goals in life and for picking me up when I didn't want to carry on.

DYKES 1978: Raymond Schaper
1984: Gordon Borz



Henry Clarkson Meredith

"Promajii, Henry"
Norfolk, Virginia
Chemistry-Army-Artillery

Soccer, 4, 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse, 4, 3, 2, 1; Lodge, 4, 3; Y.D., 3, 2; Yacht Club 2, 1.

In August 1977, I thought I had some idea of what was going to happen at VMI, but the reality was like a cold slap on the face. We persevered, though, from the days in 409 with the Yacht Club with Hank, Moose, Bruce, and Cloudy. I want to thank you all because the times we had were great and the bond we made, close. The guys in getto made the environment pleasantly liveable, but I couldn't leave without thanking the Army for the three year interruption of my ambitions. I hope my investment in a VMI diploma pays off.



Mathew William Merriman

Virginia Beach, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Navy-Nuc/Sub

Private-4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Training Cadre-2, 1; VMI Firefighters-1; IEEECF-2, 1; 3 Year NROTC Scholarship; Dean's List-2, 1

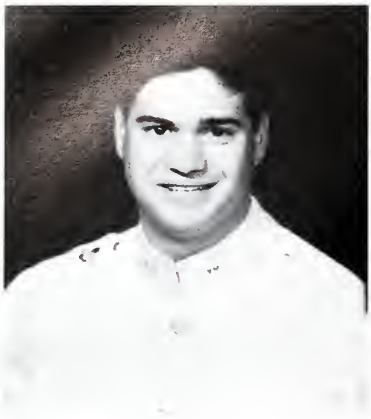
Four years at VMI have been more than just a college education-it's been an awarding and enlightening experience. There were our good times like furloughs, weekends, and Ringfigure. then there were the rough times like the ratline, rat training, academics (at times)-not to mention the occasional feelings of loneliness and depression. It's not something a person wants to do alone.-I've never been alone. For all their help and loving support, I'm most indebt to my aunt, uncle, and grandmother. But they weren't the only people who helped me make it. My roommates, BR's, neighbors, and of course, those special friends (they know who they are), who were always a source of strength and inspiration, deserving much thanks. Also I thank God for watching over me and giving me those close friends to lean on.

DYKES 1978: Mark H. Seely
1984: Keith A. Buckley









James Paul Migliarese

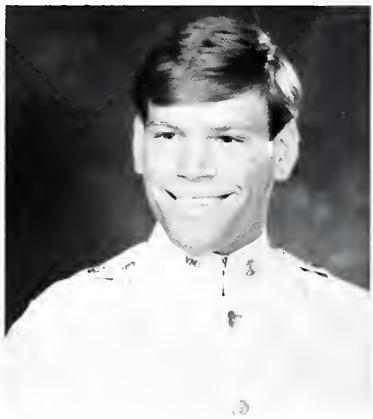
"Herb, Gorvin, Mig, CM, Migstein, Yid Bomb"
Salem, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Engineers

Asce 3, 2, 1; Class Advisory Committee 2, 1; Swim Team 4, Bloodmobile 3, 2, 1; Co-Chairman 1; Dean's List 2, 1; Concrete Canoe Committee 2, 1; Asce Seminar Chairman 1; Foxridge Wrecking Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; Radford Road Crew 3, 2; Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1.

Gorv came to VMI looking for three things: A CE degree, Friendship and a good time. Oh well, two out of three ain't bad! Jimmy will not only be remembered for his tremendous athletic ability (diving?), but also his mellow disposition on or off the basketball court. His only down was his lack of confidence and unorthadox manner when dealing with members of the weaker sex. It was only by the combined efforts of his beloved parents Rose and Ralph handling the finances, weekend parties at Jerry's, Tom with spoon-fed academics and Ed with the mental and physical aspects (whatever the hell they are!) that he was able to keep his sanity.

Soon he will be able to use all the vast knowledge he obtained through long hours in NEB (soils Lab?). Good luck Herb and remember, "Money is Everything!" EJB

DYKES 1978: Petahead
1984: Allen Harrison, David Collie



Ronald Allen Mislowsky, Jr.

"Cossack, Mislo"
Grand Blanc, Michigan
Civil Engineering-Navy

Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Cabin Party Survoivor 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Rock Painting Commando Team 2; Corporal Appriciation Committee, 4; RDC President 1; Asce 3, 2, 1.

Four Years ago the Yankee Bastion of Baltimore gave up one of its finest sons to the clutches ot the mother "I". Ron was a poster cadet as a rat and Third Class Year, a cadre corporal second to none. Suddenly one day, he was stricken with a strange disease called "Mary-Baldwin-Macho-Rugbyitis" which compelled him not to be outdone at cabin Parties. Yet!!!, Sadly, twice he teel victim to a lowly ice cube. First Class Year saw the old Ron Mislowsky resurface as a truly fine and concientious R.D.C. President. Of all the fond memories that I'll have of VMI, Ron's friendship will be one of my most cherished. All the best Ron! SWM 81

To my friends who made VMI bearable, to my parents who after all these years still find it in their hearts to tolerate me and to Koy who made the bad times somehow enjoyable and the good times memoriable, Thanks, I love you all. Ron

DYKES 1978: Daniel P. Thornton
1984: Carter Lee Jordon



Donald Allyn Mitchell

"Corky, Cork-screw, Movutu, Donny-Demos"
Charlottesville, Virginia
Air Force-Helicopter Pilot

Promaji 4, 3, 2, 1; Intra-Mural Rack Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Indoor Cliff Diving 4, 3;

Life for me at VMI didn't actually begin until my Third Class Year. That's when I moved in with Coke and It's been one continious trip since. . Corky, Coke, and hare, The "Three Stooges" or "Pro" "Con", and confused me in the middle, always finding some way to make this place and our existence here interesting. How about "Disco 81" or not waking up to Coke's "cricket clock". The "Club" and our famous line dance, or "wake me up in 15 minutes." The weekend I came back "sick". Dashing for green status slips, and the indoor clitf championships in J.C.'S room. I could go on couldn't I?

Well, it's been real brothers and all that other necessary and sentimental stuff. Thank's tor the ride, it was a lot more adventuresome than I ever imagined.

Mama, (and all of ya behind me at home) Thank you for your Love and undieing support.

Thank God for Love. Corky.

DYKES 1978: Pat Wilson, Kenny Singleton
1984: Toby R. Jones









Joseph Patrick Moan

"Poppa Jolo, Popp, A Jolo, Moaner"
Fort Lee, N.J.
Economics-Army-Armor

IRC 4, 3, V.P. 2, Pres. 1; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Vice Pres. OGA 1; Secretary EC-GC 1; AUSA 3, 2; Firefighters 2; Maury 3, 2, 1; 40 Club 1; Blackstone Midnite Swim Club 1; TGJ Club 2, 1; Sport parachute Club 4, 3; Mad Dog Fan Club 2, 1; Bomb 1; Ghetto Cruiser Club; Toads.

Joe came to VMI in the fall of 1977. He left behind Fort Lee and Northern girls for Virginia and the land of the Preppy. He said goodbye to his friends Neil and Bruce and Vasco introduced him to the Bee Gee's. Third Class year, Poppa Jolo as he was called, hit the economics department with all of his charm. Taking an overload of Dr. Chang and Political Science Joe earned his stars. Only to lose them a year later at the hands of Stats and JoshB. Jolo began his slide in the spring of 80 for two reasons; Mad Dog and "7". As far as first class year anything is a step up from 'Bragg' hugh Joe.

RJC

Thanks Mom, Dad and especially Gram. Fond and bomber it's been GAS. Frannie always remember "I'm a member."

JPM

DYKES 1978: Bob Magnam
1984: Steve Plystak, S.J. Ross



Christopher Thomas Monnette

"Loser, Gomer Pyle, Monig, Monnetteee, Jeff"
Norfolk, Virginia
Electrical Engineering - Marine Corps

IEEE 4, 3, 2, 1; Secretary/Treasurer IEEE 1; Vice Chairman IEEE 2; SCUBA 2, 1; Rugby 1; Barracks Sound Technician 1; Keeper of the Monkey and the red-eyed pig; Letterwriter-Bulldog; The Randy-Mac Attack Club; Bulldog "Super Stud"

Chris is one hellava guy, anyone who can room with the Monkey for 2 and ½ years and keep his sanity is a better man than I. On a more serious note, Chris is a friend you can always depend on. Bulldog and weekend espionage missions will never be forgotten. He's always there with a quick smile and a playful hand. The only time he doesn't have a smile is the day after, weeks without Mary Hatley, and when grades come out. Yet noone has studied more than Chris, thanks to Munger. The best of luck to Chris in whatever he does. May the Monkey be with you.

Rm. 110

DYKES 1978: Tom Fields
1984: Eric "Troll" Keck



Harry Matthew Moore

"Forehead"
Richmond, Va.
CE-Army-Engineers

Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt. 2; Co. Comm. 1; Honor Court, Swim Team 4, 3; Monogram Club, ASCE, Institute Escourt, Parents Weekend Host, Trang's gang

With a kiss from Mom and a hand shake from Dad, I came to VMI on that hot August day to set the world on fire. After nearly four years and several summer schools my tenure is over, and I've hardly made a spark. The struggle through VMI has my no means been an easy one, however in time the learning experience and friendships i have acquired will far overshadow the bad pts. It is for this reason that I will find it hard to just walk walk away on May 16. Good times with Sommo. Murph, will always be remembered. To them should go the best of every thing for they are the best. A special thanks to Mom and Dad, & Leslie for guiding me thorugh those first two lean years. Without you I could not have done it.

DYKES 1978: Joe Cafarella
1984: Jeff Roach, Wil Wilkins, Terry Murphy









Gary Allen Morgan

"Org, Doc, Morganouitz, Morque"
Lynchburg, Va.
History-Army-Artillery

Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain 2, 1; 1st Team All-Southern Conference 4, 3, 2, 1; Intercollegiate Athletic Award 1980; Dean's other list 4, 3, 2; Rhonda 3, 2, 1. . (forever); Summer School Poker Club 1980, Lynchburg Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; TCFC 3, 2; Ring Figure Construction Committee; Rat Co. XO 1; Karate Club.

I'd just like to thank a few people. First I'd like to thank all the guys I roomed with for putting up with me, Chuck, Andy, Binko, Bro, Butt, Ed, Tom, and Mig. You guys are the best! Thanks for making my little stay a bit more interesting and amusing. (You should have stayed Reg!!!)

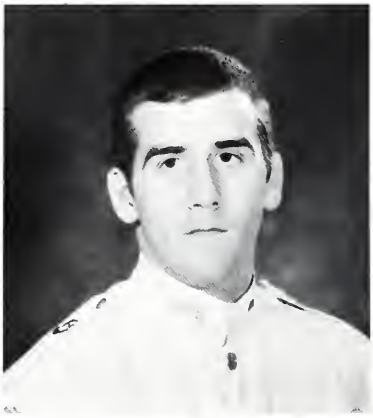
I'd like to give my appreciation to Col. Scully; without him, there would have been no soccer at VMI.

And to my mother and father , who's support, love, and understanding has been with me for the past 22 years and without a doubt the best parents a guy could ever want, thank you, I love you both very much.

Last, but not least, to you Rhonda, the woman who stole my heart, my future wife. You made these last three years fly by, I love you with all my heart! Can't wait till Oct.

GAM

DYKES: 1978: Stephan Powers
1984: Chuck Pruden, Spruill Thompson



Kenneth Richard Morris

"Catman, Claw, Wedge Face, Algonquin, BRF, Psycho"
Setauket, New York
English-Army-Armor

Pvt 4, CPL 3, Pvt 2, Pvt 1; Young Republicans 4; Boxing INT 2; Tanker Platoon 1; 3rd Class Exchange Student Program 3; RDC Secretary; RDC Battalion Staff; 1981 Cliff Painting Commando's; English Society 2, 1; Pseudo-Color Sergeant Club 2; VMI Fire Fighters 1; The Alliance 2, 1.

As far as I know, Catman was the only Rat in our class who enjoyed his entire Rat Year. Falling one credit short, Catman against his own free will, had to stay home his 3rd Class year. He returned to the Institute just where he had left off Rat year, and wore a Rat haircut for the entire 2nd Class year. Even though Catman used old corps hazing techniques, he emerged as one of the finest RDC members for our class. With a deep love for Stonewall Jackson and the belief that he should have been born a century ago as a confederate soldier, Catman is destined to return as Superintendant of VMI.

NGS

"If we shrink from the hard contests where men must win at the Hazard of their lives and at the risk of all they hold dear, then bolder, stronger peoples will pass us by."

T Roosevelt

DYKES 1978: Timothy McGreer
1984. Donald Suggs



Robert James Morris

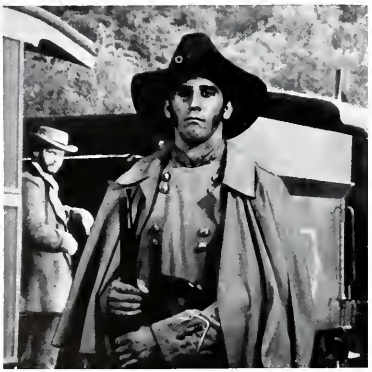
"Beep, Flouresco, Magne"
Chesapeake, Virginia
Civil engineering-Army-Corps of Engineers

Honor Court 2; President-Class of 1981 2, 1; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, General Committee/Executive Committee 3, 2, 1; Posit Committee 2, 1; Drug Council 2, 1; Advisory Committee for Selection of Next Superintendent 1; Institute Escorts 2, 1; Barracks Renovation Committee 2, 1; College Republicans 1; ASCE 2, 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; First Class Private.

Why not, Jake?

DYKES 1978. Greg Beck
1984 . Tom Higginbotham, Robert Hooper









Raymond Franklin Moschler

"Ray, Raybe, Cretin Man, Porcupine, Cro-Magnon, Fred"
"Flintstone, Goob-Are"
Midlothian (Richmond), Virginia
Biology-Air Force

Cpl.; Sgt.; Lt., B Co. XO; Pre-Med Society, Vice-President; BSU Council; Religious Council; Biology Dept. Asst.; Rat Training; Posit Committee; American Chemical Society; Dean's List 3; Academically Distinguished 2, 1; Colonel Handley Fan Club

Ray started out just like every other rat at VMI, a piece of clay waiting to be molded. His unique personality and totally different way of doing everything gained him the title of "Head Cretin." He was the leader of an elite group of similar "cretins" who lived in the dark halls of the Biology building. Ray was an idealist in the truest sense of the word. He set many lofty goals for his life and cadetship, and we watched as he achieved each one. He took the responsibility of being a leader in the Corps and in his Christian walk, and was respected by all. I'll not forget the good times and the friendship we had at the "Big I," and hopefully both will continue on long after we wear the gray for the last time.

LBA

DYKES 1978: Tim Pishdad
1984: Eric Jolly
Henry Ritchie



Robert Clinton Moss, III

"Clinker, Mieux, Caw"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineer-Army-Infantry

Civil War Round Table 4, Treas. 3, V.P. 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; **Bomb** Staff class ed. 3, Ass. Bus. Mgr. 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1; College Republicans 4; AUSA 4; Emaciation Club 3; RFYL 4, 3, 2, 1; Maj. Meager's No. 4 Club 2; Radford-Baldwin Shuttle Service 1; Crash Corner 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1.

When was the first time I heard of Clinker? Was it the night I heard that God-awful noise that sounded like an Ardvark stuck in a bog. Or was it when I woke up one night and found my door on fire? Was is when he and his roommates kicked in my door at 3 AM and "struck up the Band"? It could have been 3rd class year when he decided that eating food was not in style or second class year when he decided that 5 girlfriends just might fill his social calendar. But I suppose it was this year when the son-of-the-south was driving the "Demon" all over the valley singing "Bring Up The Twelve Pounders" and when I came to realize that this guy had a great capacity for friendship and would someday use that capacity along with all the lessons we have learned here to make his mark in our future. After all, he was from St. Christopher's wasn't he?

Mom, Dad- I never could have done it without you.

DYKES 1978: John Garrett
1984: George "Psycho" Woltz
Mark "Fonz" Briesmaster



Christopher Allan Munger

"The Mung, Iguana, Henny"
Naperville, Illinois
Electrical Engineering-Air Force

IEEE 3, 2, 1; Ranger Training Platoon 4; Bulldog Permit 2; Rat Training Cadre 1; Pvt. 4, 3; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 2nd Lieut. 1; AUSA 4; Heart Attack Club 4; Master Debt Club 2, 1; FARTS 4, 3, 2, 1; BRRB Club 4; Dip Eating Contestant 4, 2; Apathy Club 4, 3, 2, 1; AAS 2, 1; Copy Pseudo-Editor, 1981 Bomb; VMI Phonathon 1

When Chris walked into Zoo 433 and dropped a bottle of Cutex on the floor, all we could say was, "Boy, what a clutz we have as a roommate." He changed.

When we found out that Chris was a **good** and **pure** Catholic we thought nothing could be done with him. He changed.

When we found out he didn't think of girls as often as other "normal" cadets we believed him to be hopeless. He changed.

When we noticed he wasn't a physical stud we said good, he won't show us up. He changed.

Amid all that changing he kept his sanity and humor, which is more than can be said of others. He also has helped many others stay sane by helping them cope with the "I". I wish I could have roomed with him all four years, but it wasn't in the cards (pun), so it goes.

You will make a great officer in the Air Force if you don't try to change it too much. I hope you find your niche.

KRAB

My sincerest thanks to my family. Such patience and support of their prodigal son is paralled only by the endurance of Job.

CAM

DYKES 1978: Ken Krause
1984: Stephen Ljubenko
Timothy Longanacre









Robert Anthony Munno

"Monkey, Lunatic, Wizard ot West Islip, Mercury, Mayor of Lexington, Night Rider, Mad Max"
West Islip, Long Island, New York
Civil Engineering-Civilian

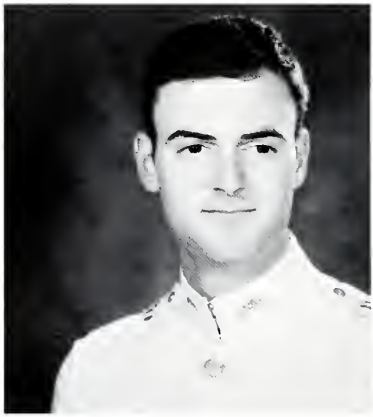
Lacrosse 4, 3, 2; Rugby 1; Ski Club; Scuba Club (Vice Pres. 2, 1); Exhibitionist 4, 3, 2, 1; D.J. (WDIC) 4; Summer School Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Clown 4, 3, 2, 1;

When Bob and the monkey first walked through the arch, we knew the next four years, or five years would be quite an experience. Living on the edge has been Bob's philosophy in life as a cadet.. With AC/DC as his GOD and Mad Max as his mentor how could Bob do anything but succeed. Bob's time spent in Lexington was actually a blessing, just ask anyone from the Island, especially his parents. Living with Mercury was certainly quite an experience. Saturday Nights at the Cockpit and Frats will never be forgotten. Neither will Traveler. And then there's academics. Bob is one of the few people who seems to take a course for introduction and then takes it again for a grade. He's quite the Wizard. In all seriousness Bobby has been a helluva friend. We all wish him the best of luck in the future. RM. 110.

Thanks, Mom and Dad, for your unending support and encouragement. It's been tough, but I'm OUTA HERE!

RAM '81

DYKES 1978: Bobby Checca
1984: John (Yo) Karafa



Terry Martin Murphy

"Murph, Sasquatch"
Urbanna, Virginia
History-Army-Armor

Honor Court Representative 1; Vice-president Class of 1981; General Committee; Executive Committee; Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, 1st. Lt. and Cdt Cpt. 1; Dean's List 3, 2; Academically Distinguished 2; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Symposium Committee 3; Mess Hall Committee 1; Nick Sysock Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1; T.C.F.C. 3, 2; Ring Figure Committee 2; Institute Escort 2, 1; S-5 Tour Staff 3, 2; Glee Club 4; R.O.T.C. Awards 3, 2.

When did I first hear the voice of Murph? I believe it was in the mess hall Rat year when he stood on his chair and sang "Oh Holy Night". After the Corps had wiped away the tears and finished picking up their teeth, Murph got a well deserved applause for his sincere and noble performance. This characterized Murph's entire cadetship, sincere and noble, winning applause from his brother Rats on whose behalf he has made many sacrifices. An endless supply of dedication, mature advice, and love for his Brother Rats. I nominate Murph for Grandaddy of the Corps, a Brother Rat in the highest sense of the word, but more importantly a brother who gave his best.

Be ye kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another.

Romans 12:10

DYKES 1978: Stephen P. Ketterer
1984: Chip "Rock" Yates
Lee "Doctor" Gooch



John Edward Myers

"OTR, Nova, Johnny Ramone"
Ft. Hauchuca, Arizona
Electrical Engineering-Navy-Nuclear Power School

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Commanders 2, 1; OGA 1; RDC 1; Library Assistant 3, 2; Soccer 2, 1; Karate Club 3; IEEE 1; Narrows Virginia Fan Club 3, 2, 1; "Bufo" 81 4, 3, 2, 1; Pharmco Grain Club 3, 1.

When Ted Nugent Jr. hit Jackson Arch, I'm sure his first question was "Where can I plug into some tunes?!" But soon the boys in the barber shop had this hippie looking like what he was supposed to be: an NRO TC Scholarship Cadet! Since third class year "Ramone" and I have gone thorugh many strange events, grained up football games, vacations in God's Country, all the way to a steady girlfriend. I'm sure John will find his hopes and dreams somewhere (but on a nuke sub?) But only I can picture him in the middle of an Arizona Desert with his tunes and his dip, contemplating Asimov with the prairie dogs! Good luck Gandalf you're a "hell of a friend"!

JHS

My thanks go first to my parents and family, then to Marge who kept me going in this "hole above ground", and to Jeanne who has made my last year and a half a lot more enjoyable.

DYKES 1978: Jim Rootson
1984: Tim Monaghan
Jasbinderjit Singh









Pieter Frederick Nauta

"Nauga, Naugs, Darth"
Wilton, Connecticut
Electrical Engineering-Navy

Honor court 2, 1; Prosecutor 1; 2nd Battalion Commander 1; Regimental Sergent Major/First Sergeant 2; Corporal 3; Private 4; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain 1; Posit Committee 3; IEEE 2, 1; Woody Fan Club 3, 2, 1; Trang's Gang 1.

These past four years have been interesting to say the least. The experience I've gained and the friends I've made are worth alot more then the sheepskin. I didn't realize that there could be so many good people in such a small place. I will always be proud to say that I am a member of this class. Dave, Mark and Bob, it's hard to express my deep thanks to you. Without your friendship, understanding and kindness, I never would have made it through here. Finally to my family, you have always made me feel special by being by my side. This was greatly intensified while I was here, thank you.

DYKES 1978: Blaine D. Vorgang
1984: Chris Caplice



Richard Marlin Nehls

"Rich"
Woodsboro, Maryland
Civil Engineering-Air Force-Pilot

Cpl., 1st Sgt., Reg S-3 Sgt., Cadet Capt. Foxtrot Co. Cdr.; Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1, co-captain 1; Baseball 4, 3; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Arnold Air Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Bermuda Sabbatical 2.

"It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbled or how the doer of deeds might have done better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in worthy cause; who if he wins, knows the triumphs of high achievements, and who if fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."
Theodore Roosevelt

Thanks to Edward for helping me maintain my sanity. Special thanks to my endeared family for their love, devotion, and unyielding support.

DYKES 1978: Anthony "Tony" Pileggi
1984: John A. Nicolai



Timoth Lewis Newkirk

"Tim, Nuke, Iceman, SEK, Coppertone"
Knoxville, Tennessee
Economics-Army-Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Tanker Platoon 2; Platoon Sgt. 1; Newspaper 4; Ring Figure Magazine 2; Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; Barracks Sniper 2, 1; Ft. Bragg Full Hero 1; DMS/DMG FIDO 1.

My fellow Americans, allow me to introduce the finest example of Southern Hospitality at VMI— Tim Newkirk. Zwei Jahren mit den Ziggy Weing gave me the privilege of seeing Tim's alert mind and quick smile first hand. We Tankies mutual deep freeze at Ft. Pickett and our other armored activities further demonstrated Tim's quiet enthusiasm and cheerful self-sacrifice. As I withheld the rope slipe thorugh the carabiner Tim had rigged 100 ft. up the rappelling cliff. I felt a soundless admiration and an unbreakable friendship for this stalwart Tennessean. Take care Brother Rat, Panzern fur immer GRZ

I want to thank my parents and family very much for their unreserved faith and support. Mom and Dad, thank you for everything and for maintaining yours and mine belief in myself. TLN

None but yourself who are your greatest foe.
Longfellow

DYKES 1978: Mike Braunstein
1984: Drew King, Tom Wingfield









Timothy A. Nitz

"Skids"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics-Army-Armor

Varsity Football 4, 3, 2; Society of Young Economists 2, 1; RDC 1; Flannaganz Dam Band 3, 2; Sir Edmound Hillary Club 1; CADET Columnist 2; Budweiser Bombers 2, 1; RAT Battalion Staff 1; Promadji 1; Dead Head 4, 3, 2, 1

I came to VMI with many goals for my cadetship and future. Some of these goals have "disappeared" and others have been modified. I am facing the end ot my biggest goal: proving to myself that I could graduate from VMI. I look back on this accomplishment with memoires of depression and doubt, but as always, the "bestest" times seem greater than the worst. I can not put into words the feelings for the people I have met who I can call friends. You have all helped more than you can realize. I sincerely thank you. Special thanks to Harr, three years with me was not an easy task.

My biggest thanks go to my Dad and family. I could not have made it without your love and support. I will never forget.

DYKES 1978: Kerry "Moon" Mullin, Mike Whitter
1984: Chris "Sarge" Bruch; Hao "Skipper" Nguyen



Ralph Shearer Northam

"Goose, Coonman"
Onancock, Va.
Biology-Army / Armor

(1st cpl., 3), (1st sgt. 2), (1st B.Cmdr. 1), (Honor Court, President, 1).

Three years ago a lanky denizen of the salty wastes of Virginias' Eastern Shore made the long haul to Lexington. Onancocks loss was VMIs' gain. Ralph adapted early to the ways of the "I", rising steadily up the rank structure, all the while earning the respect of his Brother Rats. It has been said that great honors are great burdens and in the final days of his cadetship. Ralph shouldered the greatest honor and the greatest burden that VMI can bestow. Yet, as always Ralph rose to the challenge and in his quiet, dedicated, unselfish way did honor to himself, the corps, and most of all to the code of conduct, whose preservation meant more to him than his own future. All the best Ralph. T.M.M.

Not in the clamour of the crowed street, not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng, but in ourselves, are triumph and defeat . . .

DYKES 1978: Steve Murray
1984: Richard Baker, Chris Parks



Edward Linscott Oast III

"toast, Plato"
Portsmouth, Virginia
Biology, Free Man

Soccer 4; Glee Club 4; Arnold Air Society 4, 3; Cadet Recreation Committee 4, 3; Secretary 2; President 1; Number One Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Goat Corporal 3; Goat Sergeant 2; Goat Lieutenant 1; Ski Club 3, 1;

For the Gate is Narrow and the way is hard that leads to life and those who find it are few."
Matthew 7:14

Thank you brother rats, dykes, "78", J.B.C.A. and roomates
Thank you VMI
Thank you Mom and Dad
(HAS IT REALLY BEEN 4 YEARS)

DYKES: 1978: Robert Henkel
1984: Thornton Stephens









Matthew Wayne O'Conner

"Maffu, Matt, P.W., Redneck"
Clifton Forge, Virginia
Economics-Air Force

Rifle Team 4, 3, 2; Cheerleading 2, 1, Head 1; Boom-Boom Club 3, 2, 1, Tennis Manager 3; Society of Young Economists 2, 1; Ring Figure Committee 2

Matthew O'Conner came across North Mountain to V.M.I. with preety much the same idea of what college life was supposed to be like as the rest of us. Although he was initially disappointed, he soon learned how to make the best of college life after Taps. After—Taps excursions became more and more frequent as our Second Class year wore on. Who would have believed it if we told them we made it to the "beach" and back in an hour. And being the unselfish person he is, Matthew encourages our next-door neighbors to try his very own creation (a six-pack of whip-ass). Matthew, we're all indebted to you for your great spirit (and spirits) and friendship over the years. It's finally over!

D.B.G.

To Mom and Dad,

Thanks for everything, cause if it wasn't for y'all I wouldn't be here now. Thanks for pushing me to strive for myself. I know I didn't understand then, but I do now. Most of all, thanks for being the understandable and considerate parents y'all are. I love y'all.

"when I was 18 my parents were the stupidest people around. When I turned 21 I was stunned to see what they had learned."

DYKES 1978: Thomas Jefferson Stevens (WDDW)
1984: Greg Yancoslcie (SAD)





Mark Alan Olson

"Gunny, Herbie, Carrot Head, Bozo"
Omaha, Nebraska
Economics-Marine Corps

U.S.M.C. scholarship 4, 3, 2, 1 (sometimes); Cadre 3, 2, 1; Cpl.-pvt.-Cpl. 3; Sgt.-pvt. 2; Lt.-1, Rat Co. Cmdr. 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 2, 1; UNK 2, 1;

Was it really 4 years? It seems like only yesterday! Many problems-academics, the Supe 3rd class year, and $always. But with friends like K.C., Gene, and Jeff I'd do it all over again in a heartbeat. Jeff I bet I never see another Jewish Easter Bunny. Gene, summer school, T.G., bestman, wow she's bee-u-tee-ful. K.C. we made it, no thanks to us, J.D. or the coffee. J.D. me the O.C. and you S.O.G., R.F., the sunday roadtrip to D.C. in the illegal cars, NYC-heavy sigh, the X, blue funks, LOA's. My adopted families were fantastic-the O'Neils, the Lovings, the Adlers and Katie, too. Uncle Al-you made it all mean something. Mom, Dad, thanks for letting me do it my way and saying you understood even when you didn't. I owe my cadetship, several $, and some special love to all of you. V.M.I.-you were worth every tear- HELL YES I'd do it again.

DYKES 1978: L.V. "Red Shimanek
1984 Henry "Budweiser" Budzinski, Peter Slewka
1982, 1983, 1984: "My Kids" the Fco. Rats





Kevin Christopher O'Neil

"K.C., Casey, Foster Brooks"
Washington, D.C.
Mathematics-Navy-Pilot

Rat, Cpl.; Sgt., Lt.; Rat Co. Commander; Frustrated Private; Cadre 3, 1, Bomb 1; M.H.B.S.A. 4, 3, 2, 1, Pres. 2, 1, PX Resident 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, Al's Gang 2, 1;

Our time has finally come; what will "Uncle Al" do with his Three Musketeers being let loose on the world. I'll miss our excursions to the Cockpit and E.J.'s (and I'm sure they'll miss us), but don't worry about anything (not that you do). You've been an excellent B.R., faithful companion, and a 1st Class Private at heart. Mark and I owe you more than just our first born.

J.S.A. '81

What can you say about a guy who could deduct you as a dependent on his income tax? K.C. is one of those guys that nothing phases. His "cup of coffee" saved many of us from going into "the blue funk." 2nd Class year was a year to remember, thanks to you: the night the O.C. walked in on me when you were S.O.G.-how we survived I'll never know. K.C. you know everything I want to say-I'll never be able to pay back my debt to you

M.A.O. '81

I want to especially thank my Mom and Dad for all they have done for me and to all the other people, such as "Uncle Al" and my B.R.s, who have helped me get through this place.

DYKES 1984: Nick Adams
Rob Waddell





David Burton Openshaw

"Ope, Woody, Opey, Mopes, Infidel"
Rockville, Maryland
Civil Engineering-Navy-C.E.C.

Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Lt. & Pvt. (Rat X0) 1; Sgt. 2; Cpl. 3; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, Vice Pres. 1; Lacrosse Club 4, 3, 2; Hop and Floor Committee 2, 1; Unauthorized Car Club 4, 3, 2; Weekend Waterskiers 2, 1; Ring Figure Committee 2; R.O.A. 3, 2, 1

The past few years withour resident exhibitionist have been quite an experience, to say the least. Our dear Woodrow has provided us with enough stories for many reunions to come. We have delighted in witnessing torn ducks, shined moons and various wipe-outs and faux pax. He is so talented we feel he can perform in his sleep. BRAP!

His Third Class road trip adventures with his sidekick Brickman soon brought Dave out of his social shell and into the "college" world. The year climaxed as Woody and some other seaman met up with the nocturnal delights of Norfolk. Second Class year found Dave still waving those golden stars (which matched his eyes many a Saturday night!). Yet his heart was not devoted entirely to the grace and beauty of steel and concrete: More and more furloughs found him speeding north to Philadelphia, then he really did it-just took off and went to Bermuda-C'mon Dave, isn't the honeymoon after the wedding? The Openshaw experience has left us all with some good memories of how to make the best of the worst. We all wish you the best of luck in all of your endeavors.

May thanks to my parents and family for their love and support, and very special thanks to Jeanine for her devotion and understanding-God bless you.



Grover Cleveland Outland III

"Endo, Spiro, Morph-body, Fats—t, Barfbag, Pudge, Chinkahead"
Norfolk, Va.
Modern Language/Mathematics-Army-Field Artillery

Cp. 3; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; V.M.I. Cadet 4, 3, 2, 1; Editor-in-Chief 1; Cadet Program Board 3, 2, 1; President 1; member Publications Board 1; Academic Stars 3, 2, 1; Distinguished Military Student 1; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society 1; Azalea Festival Escorts 3, 2, 1; "Cue Bald" 4, 3, 2, 1; Close Mink 4, 3, 2, 1; Seals 2, 1

I'll never forget the first time I met the "endomorph", a fat, Sweaty, balding, little rat who was on football permit for the sole purpose of picking up towels . . . and days and weekends. Well, three years have flown by and "Chink-A-Head" is still a fat, sweaty, balding, little rat . . . and my roommate of four years.

Living with V.M.I.'s token mink has had it's advantages: Dance lessons are free, I can get an invitation to any frat . . . at **any** school, I never have to worry about my food going to waste (unless the waist belongs to him), and laughter is frequent.

Grov, you've got a terrific future ahead of you (wish I could say the same for you're hairline!) and a great family. No matter what the rest think, you're okay! Take care, "Pudge"! Keep in touch.

GRM '81

DYKES 1978: "Tuffy Wright
Mike McCarthy
1984. Will Enochs
Bill Hemingway



Kurt Stephen Owermohle

"Felix von Owermohle, Moleman, Odoreater, Mamma O."
Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania
Modern Languages/History-U.S. Marine Corps

Cpl. 3; 1st-Sgt. 2; 1st-Btn S-1 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Rat Training Cadre 3, 1; Cross Country 2; Indoor and Outdoor Track 2; Ski Club 4, 3; Academically Distinguished and Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society 2, 1; Pervert Corner 2, 1.

Some have mistaken Kurt for a square, but we who know will readily argue that his sense of humor is unique and we make a point of telling him to write his best jokes. Fortunately, this history isn't dependent on those gems. Upon meeting this "gifto" we immediately foresaw a necessary process of normalization. His first semester under our care he managed a 4.0 and 0 demerits. We failed, but haven't given up. When Kurt moved in we didn't realize we were acquiring a mother, but are thankful for the acquisition. Though his schedule has always been busy, there has always been time to help us stay out of trouble. How will such a model of perfection manage to grunt through the mud and remain immaculate? We're sure that this obstacle and any other will be overcome by his extraordinary determination. NAK, KPD

Thanks Mom and Dad. "These are the good old days"

DYKES 1978: D.B. McGinnis, Jr.
1984: Greg Cavallaro
Torr Haglund









Frank Joseph Palermo, III

"Frankie"
Alexandria, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Corps of Engineers

Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1; Cadet Battery 2; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 2; Corporal (ashamedly) 3; Guard Mount Grader for Friends; THE MBC RAID "78

I came here sight unseen, and I still don't really know why. If it was luck that brought me here, it was a lot more than luck that got me through. My dykes helped, or tried to, but they gave me my first confinement, illegal apartments, Twin Falls during cadre, and forced me to drink in barracks. They were great, but Steve's made it too. Third Class year existed, and Second Class year can only be explained by a certain Mark that has hopefully self sworn himself to silence for life. First Class year I really owe to Dean, Mark (Not the same one), and Nick. Despite their efforts I was able to work, meet girls, and on occasion drive my car. Special thanks go to Mom and Dad for making it all possible, like having money, and agreeing with all my great decisions and giving me a home to stay for the holidays.

DYKES 1978: Robert H. Simpson
1984: Michael A. Harrington



Carlyle Craig Palmore

Richmond, Virgina
Civil Engineering-Navy

Wass mich nicht umbringt, macht mich starker.
Nietzsche

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood . . . Who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself at a worthy cause, who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and . . . if he fails, at least fails daring greatly so that his place shall never be with those cold timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.
John F. Kennedy

DYKES 1980: "Dirty Dusty" Boyd
1983: Southall "Moseley" Bowles



Daniel Stuart Pere

"Peaches, Dan ?X!*/Y!, Pierre"
Bellmore, New York
Mathematics/Modern language-Navy-Surface Line

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt./MSgt. 2; 1st Lt., D Co., 1; Posit Committee 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 2; Wrestling 4; Rat Training Cadre 3; "23:59 Club" 3, 2, 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Language Lab Asst. 1; PX Cowboy 4, 3, 2, 1; Mallory Survivor ?' Tracy Boogie Club 3, 2, 1; Pervert Corner 4, 3, 2; "Over Easy" 2; Chess Tour 1st Place 2; "D.R." 3, 2, 1

Well, Peaches, when you moved in with Skitz, the "Jew," and I, we sort of worried about you when you never talked or smiled. But, when Skitz and I had our cheese spread battle, your true sense of humor came through. Remember Zappa and Rocky Horror, basketball games with Karlin, and Hops dancing the "Tracy Boogie." The inevitable, though, took place first class year - Dan mellowed out. Discovering a new aspect of college life, women, Dan explored Sweet Briar, MBC, Longwood and Sem. Hard to believe Mr. Conservative would put out the effort. Love those three milers! Oh, don't forget Peaches, "they'll be back in an hour." All in all, it's been great knowing you, you're a true BR and friend.
DEL, WLB

Thanks Mom and Dad for your faith and love and BR's for your true friendship. Ah, it's finally over! DSP

DYKES 1978: Tim Moriarty
1984: Brice White









William George Pfeiffer Jr.

"fife, P-Fife, Fif, Pffffff"
Rockville, MD.
Economics-Air Force

Football 4, 3, 2; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Young Economist 3, 2, 1; Sir Edmund Hillery Club 1; All Patchin 2, 1

Coming to VMI was not my first choice, looking back it was more of a last resort, partying at U. of MD. would of been a lot more fun. After two years of growing up, the hidden virtues of VMI began to show themselves and I realized that I was learning more than just Economics. The much needed discipline I developed will be a great help to me in the real world. To say that VMI turned out to be the perfect light of knowledge would be wrong, there are many aspects of VMI that contradict what cadets are taught and expected to do. I leave VMI with a feeling of accomplishment and tremendous relief. To my roommates, thanks for helping me keep my sanity. It's only as deep as it goes. To my family, you're the greatest. To put up with me for the last four years, I'm sure, has been difficult to say the least. I love you all. Let's open the bottle.

W G P.

DYKES 1978 Ed Yost
1984 Serge Wing



Kenneth Angelo Pierro

"Angel, Kinky, Tweedle-dee"
Rochelle Park, N.J.
History-Marines

Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1, Swim team mgr. 4, 3; Newspaper 4, 3, 2, 1; Color Guard 2; Cheerleading 2, 1; Maury II and Maury III; Rangers 3, 2; Number 1 Club 2; Flagpole flyers 2; Most Obnoxious Man in the Corps Club, Mike Shupp Chapter Award 1980-1

Hey Angel, so this is it. You've swum, managed, cheered, yelled, argued, and "flown" your way into graduation from this "Rebel" college. More than this, you've laughed your way through. Never has a more obnoxiously laughing cadet walked through those gates. You gave me plenty of headaches with your constant . . uh . . wit, but I always seemed to end up laughing in spite of my ill temper (or your sick jokes). One more thing you brought to this place- real sincerity. Your word is your bond, (when it wasn't you were good for an apologetic "X"-check) and you are sincere in your interests. Hey- cheerleading ain't so bad Ken, you just never took advantage! You mean a lot to us, your rebel friends, Angel. But Your occupation of the sunny South is over! Either leave or convert, but get rid of that accent!

DYKES 1978 Dave Wrenn
1984 Bruce Bourgeois



Michel John Placzek

"Little Plaz, Plaz, Polack"
Maspeth, New York
Electrical Engineering-Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Music Director 1; Darkroom Staff 2, 1; Contact Editor 1; Rat Rappelling Crew 2, 1; Monkey House 2; Suite 137

My time at VMI, I can certainly say, was not wasted. From day one till the day I graduate, VMI was and will be a learning experience, not only academically but personally. I have met many people during my cadetship, both institute and non-institute related. Each one has helped me grow into a better person. To list them would fill this page. To them I say thanks for what they have given me.

To my parents, family, "LAF", room-mates and other close friends, I couldn't have done it without your support, guidance, love and understanding.

Though time may physically separate us, I will never forget you in my thoughts for you all have left an unforgetable impression which has helped me immeasureably. I thank you all!

DYKES 1978. Kenneth "LAF" Lafferty
1984 Steve Pilotte





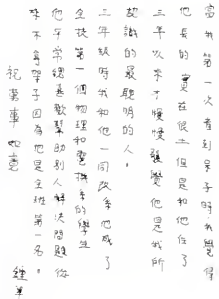




Kenneth O. Polig

"Prof, Ace, Henry, The Doctor"
Richmond, Virginia
Physics and EE (Easy Elective)-Air Force-Technical

Big Boys Club 4, 3, 2, 1; S.P.S. 4, 3, 2, 1; IEEE 3, 2, 1; Math Club 4, 3; Glee Club 4, 3, 2; VMI Amateur Radio Club 4, 3, 2, 1; (President 2): One of Pud's Boys



DYKES 1978: Craig Wallen
1984: Bill Blazor
Tom Amador



Bartely Williams Price

"KNat, Natty Bumpp"
Stanley, Virginia
English-Army-Armor

J.V. Footall 4; Indoor-Outdoor Track 4; J.V. Basketball 3; English Society; Ski Club; Cabin Party 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, Sgt. 2, 2nd Lt. 1; Dean's List 2.

In retrospect, the "Experience" has been, and always will be, beneficial in countless ways. Even if one were to exclude academics, friends made, and memories shared. Having been lucky (?) enough to endure all aspects of VMI's three-legged stool I have found that all have their rewards and drawbacks. But, you learn from experiences, both good and bad - and that I have. VMI as a whole has been well worth this toil some 4 year road. Fortunately, it wasn't traveled alone but with the aid and companionship of many fine brother rats too numerous to mention: the class of '81! More specially, special thanks goes to those in rooms 69, 86, 54, 52, and frequent visitors. Special thanks also goes to my family and friends for all their help and active support.

DYKES 1978: Dave Gray
1984. John Hirtz



Joseph Dominick Provenzano III

"Nunzio, Short-Shit, Pro, Jungle Joe, Tony Pro"
North Babylon, New York
Physics-United States Marine Corps

Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt 2; Company Commander 1; Diamond Hill Laser-Beam Club 2; Devo Volleyball Team 1; Cockpit Crew 3, 2; Society of NON-Physics Students 4, 3, 2, 1

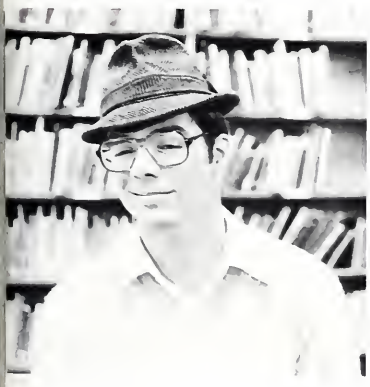
When I first met Joe we were trying to roll up some guys hay in 149. Joe has helped me out countless times in 4 years; exs., the Henry Rogers incident, returning from the Cockpit, and even finding my way back to school. This typies Joe, generous, always willing to help, and a great sense of humor; an all-around cadet: academically (Physics!) and militarily (Company Commander). Thanks for everything Joe, from Steve Martin, Apple-Jack crack, and good ole boy to being my good friend for these past 4 years. - Duck

These past 4 years have been tough, although enjoyable. I would like to thank all my close friends (Mike, Pete, Ray, Chris, Brian, Bobby) and many more, whom have made these years fun, and at times exciting.

But, most of all, I want to thank my Mother and Father, for without their patients and understanding, making it through VMI would have been tougher. With all my heart, I thank you.

Joe

DYKES 1978: Bob Beaver
1984: John Munno









Brian Lee Quisenberry

"Dome"
Enterprise, Alabama
Biology-Navy-Surface Line

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cocke Hall Strength Club 4, 3, 2, 1; O.G.A. 1; Circle K 3.

I guess I have to say that graduating from the Institute has been the biggest accomplishment I have made during my twenty-two years on this earth. It has been four years of ups and downs for me which I would never have been able to endure without the help and caring of several people. First of all I would like to thank my mom and dad for their loving support throughout my four years and also for the enormous phone bills I accumulated during this time. Next, my room mates, Bernie, Satch, and Drew, deserve a bit of recognition for being able to put up with me and "the chest crusher." I'd like to thank Bubilea, Disco Gene, and Kinks for all the good times we had in the Biology Building. Finally I would like to thank Allison for putting up with me for these past two and a half years. I love you, Babe!

DYKES: 1978: Ned "The Serbian Saint" Stepanovich
1984: Mark "Sleepy" Johnston
Vince "P.D." Henderson



Michael John Rattie

"Rat, Mickey, Rat Man, Midnight Pisser"
Carnegie, Pennsylvania
English-Navy-Surface Line

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; FCA 4, 3; Timmons Music Society 3; English Society Vice-President 1; Pre-Law Society 1; Navigatio Society 2; Rock 'n Roll Ensign 2, 1; International Relations Club 1; Maralie Gaffron Fan Club 1; Wish I Were At Berkley 4, 3, 2, 1

Mike Rattie invaded the South as a studly football player from Pittsburg. Unfortunately, a knee injury ended his gridiron days. What can you say about a guy who does everything from "urinating" on mail boxes (right outside of Jackson Arch) to enjoying Milton and Chaucer? Mike's four years at VMI have been successful; he fits one pre-requisite for being an English major- good at B.S.. Rattie has also found time ot party quite often, with only the best- Jack Black! Mike, It's been great knowing you. Lots of luck as a budding young Ensign. Remember, always go for the gusto!

GML

I'll always remember VMI for the small group of real friends I found here: Fred, The Bobber, Ed, Gregg, Helen and Paul, Barney and Anna Mae, and Carl and Joan. Thanks go to my parents and all the people who stuck by me.

"The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a Heav'n of Hell, a Hell of Heav'n."

Paradise Lost by Milton
Book I, Lines 254-255

DYKES 1978: Gregg Arnett
1984: Eric Harmon



Frank E. Reece

Virginia Beach, Virginia
Economics-Army-Infantry

College Republicans 4, 3, 2; V.M.I. Fire Fighters 2, 1; Society of Young Economists 1; V.M.I. Ranger Platoon 3, 2, 1, Cadet in Charge 1; Airborne School 2; Student Grotto President.

Rooming with Frank was a blast. Not only were we immune from the bone, we were constantly amazed by the versatility of this young man. A man of varied talents, Gern Blausteu could not only hit the golf ball the farthest, he could throw the ball the farthest at the local gold emporium and Country Club accompanied by a friend of Gern.

We were carried into warp drive with ease in Frank's Ferrari. He also liked music. He had a dodecaphonic stereo with a moon rock needle, it was alright in the car but we didn't want it in the room.

His dykes really made the year fun. There was nothing that Doug and R.G. "Capone" couldn't handle.

Frank, our resident Galactic Assassin and Enterprise Captain, always found time for Star Trek and put Statistics a second option. But he always knew when the stick was coming and all it cost him was a milkshake. Aside from his high grades we still love him.

DYKES 1978: Pete Manoso
1984: R.G. McManus, Doug Lindsey









John Lee Reed

"Speed, Golden"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
History-Army-Special Student

Football 4, 3; R.D.C. 1; Cadet Cartooning Staff 2, 1; CADET Circilation Staff 3, 2; Sir Edmund Hillary Club (Grand Poo Pa) 1; Budweiser Bombers 2, 1; Young Economists 2, 1; Bravo Co. Staff 1; 326 Survivors Club; IMV Stedyeks 2, 1.

The last few years for me have been full of many memorable experiences, many of which most people would be happy to shove behind loose bricks. I only regret that the folks who have been a part of them can't be around forever. There are many aspects of this school that are worthless, but the friends I have made here are classic. I think Jimmy Bullet summed it up perfectly when he said "If we weren't all crazy, we would go insane."

My most sincere thanks go to my parents. Without them this cadetship wouldn't have lasted past the Barber Shop. I especially owe my thanks to my Dad who had the sence and the guts to kick me thorugh the hard times. Lastly, thank God it's over!

DYKES 1978: Tom Shaw
1984: Scott "Scooter" Lipscomb
Keith "Weise" Wells



David Lloyd Richards

"Face, Schnoo"
Fast Hanover, New Jersey
Chemistry-Navy

Cpl 3, Sgt. 2, 2nd Lt. 1; Karate Club 4, 3, 2; Boxing Club 1; Pep Band 4; URP 1.

Dave moved in with us as a third after leaving 3 other rooms, so we didn't know if we could live with him or not! Surprizingly he turned out to be a great guy. We've been all over together, surviving the thundering herd, dreams coming true in Atlanta-actually meeting Bill Wallace, and painting Charlotte ("I'm so . . ."), not to mention fredricksburg, Radford, MBC, and Sem. Actually, he's strange-sleeping nude and exposing himself for the cops at Longwood.

Hes been a help to all of us, especially academically, without his nagging I'd have flunked out. With his continued devotion he'll go far in life. His wit has been priceless, all the nicknames, dumb sayings, and Jewish remarks.

Good luck Dave, we love you, and remember Zambonis, Hawaiian shirts, and big Louie.

With all my love, thanks mom and dad.

DYKES 1978: Ivan "Big A" Coleman
1984: Tom Palmer



Louis Woodruff Rolan

"Muskrat, Louie, 'X', Rum, Super Lou"
Chesapeake, Virginia
Economics-Army-Field Artillery

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Baseball 3; Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1; EC-GC Secretary 1; Breakout Committee 1; Horseshoe Club 1

The only thing to say is, Thank God it's over!! I can truly say this has been the four hardest years of my life. I had my fun though, partying with Coke and Corky. I couldn't help being "wide-open", with the "Roomies" I had Doc, Wash, Suirrel, and Mack, and of course Coke, Corky and I; THE BIG SEVEN. My first year was a disaster, but then so were my second and third, but even with all the "demos", I hung in there. I've lived but the best part is still ahead of me! "I WILL CONTINUE TO DOG EM!!

DYKES 1978: Johnny Garnett
1984: Jay Brock, Ray Wallace









Jorg Axel Ronke

"The Electric German, K.C."
Chambersburg, Pa.
Modern Languages-Air Force-Missiles (SAC)

VMI Theatre 4, 3, 2, 1; Tech. Dir. 3, 2, 1; VMI Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Secretary 2; Sergeant 2; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Mary Baldwin Raiders 4, 2;

I don't know how many times I've let Jorg talk me into things; things usually of a social nature. You could say that he has been my self-appointed Social director-a dubious distinction to say the least. But who is to say whether or not his meddling has payed off? I certainly can't. There will be nevertheless, a few fond memories to get drunk over when we both stand on the Moody Hall Terrace and reminesce while the corps marches past. Stephen Maurer.

What Can I say? Its finally over, and if that isn't a relief I don't know what is. These past four years have been quite an experience. And thats an understatement! All I can say is that my roommates put up with alot these past years, and I thank them for that. See you in Moody Hall guys . . . Bis nachher . . .

DYKES: 1978: Terry Dorn
1984: Cyril Lepecha



Joseph Irving Rosenberger

"Fester, Rose, Blowey"
Waynesboro, Virginia
Economics-Army-Artillery

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Pre Law Society 2, 1; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Recondo qualified; F.S.C. 3, 2, 1

Joe has been quite an intriguing roommate for the past three years. Since the first time I met him on the first day of our third class year I've been trying to understand him. After three years I feel I know him fairly well. I can say with sincerity that I've enjoyed having him as a roommate. His enigmatic (sometimes too psycho-analytical) disposition has helped dispel the doldrums of VMI life- life in a room smaller than most people's kitchen, with five totally disparite personalities. The road through our VMI years has not been a consistently "rosey" one, but it has been both enlightening and interesting. JNW 81

Anything that I write in this small space would be inadequate to sum up the years that I've spent at VMI; so I would just like to thank my family and friends for everything they have done for me, and the support they have given me.

DYKES 1978: Chris Stone
1984: John Ehrenberger



Jeryl Stanley Salmond

"Jumpin Jeryl, Jaybo, Jazzpur, Jasper"
Columbia, South Carolina
History-Air Force

Varsity Basketball 3, 2, 1½; Promaji 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club (w-o Dues) 3, 2, 1;

I find it easy to complain and realize at the same time that the past will still remain historic. Instead, I will thank everyone who made this trip as rewarding and as pleasant as possible.

My very first thank you is to the CREATOR, for allowing me the most beautiful and priceless gift . . . Life.

To my family, it seems that a thank you just ins't enough for the amount of love, strength, and support you have given me. I'll do my best to show you my appreciation for all that you've done and that you are the greatest. (It may be an odd way, but I'll show you).

Thanks to Rms. 452, 258, 242, 146, Sandy, Pat, Class of 1981. Promaji, basketball, and the Messicks who never forgot my birthday.

As for the Institute, I thank you for the opportunity to see honor more precious than any wordly possession, and the knowledge to know that life can be as good or as bad as you want it to be or let it be.

I have picked my ultimate goal in life and pray that what Stonewall said has not been said in vain because I resolve to be

DYKES: 1976: Terrence A. White
1982: Al Wilson
1984: Me









Michael George Sanders

"Fish, Devo"
N. Huntington Pa.
Civil Engineers-Army-Engineering

Swimming Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Water Polo 4, 3, 2, 1; Ghetto 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1;

Mike came here and did what everybody else did as a Rat, only he was cool then and he's still cool today. Mike was one of the swim teams biggest hopes and got himself a scholarship swimming. Hence the name Fish. I've known him for four years and lived with him for three, never has anyone seen somebody with so much energy, Fish never quits. Acedemically he's put in overtime and has landed on the Dean's list for four semesters, physically he can work harder and longer than anyone I've known to date.

The best part about Fish is his personality he's full of pride, pizazz, humor, intelligence and most of all (ask any girls he's known) he's lovable.

Fish, don't you ever forget Zollman's, Twin Falls, Baldwin, Sem, Trolls, Frats, Mowe, Kelly, or me. Fish parties with the best, DIG IT!!!!

DYKES: 1978: Jim Conrad
1984: Bill Janis



David Julian Saunders

"Sommo"
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Air Force

Deans List; Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Football; Glee Club 4; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; RDC 1; Private 4, 3, 2; Lt. 1

Four years ago the sleepy hamlet of Fredericksburg, Virginia reluctantly gave up one of its finest sons to the mother "I". When you could catch him awake, or not at Mary Baldwin, or preaching a sermon about engineering, Dave proved to be tolerable as a roommate. All kidding aside, it has been a priviledge to associate with this bona-fide southern gentleman. If V.M.I. is only as good as the man it produces, then the Institute can be proud of this fine cadet, as his classmates are of this true brother rat. All the best Dave, from the crew of 121.

TMM

All my thanks to my brother rats and friends who have made my four years at V.M.I. so meaningful.

DJS

DYKES 1978: Bill Robertson
1984: Stuart Payne



Nicholas Brownlie Savage

"Nick, GB, SAV, Pinta"
Alexandria, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Navy-NFO

Lacrosse Club 4, 3; Rugby Club 3; Bomb Class Editor 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Magizine Pinta 2; Bomb Pinta 1; Special Collector 3, 1; Crash Corner 3, 2.

If ever there were a side kick to mankind Nick is it. There was Rat year, when some unnamed cadet, made porcelain rubble of a fourth stoop cammode, or third class year when grades took a back seat to a shovel and manure, and scoal bombs rocked Barracks during the class birthday. We returned second class year to find Nick had lost his heart, a sedative that would greatly effect the E company social crew. He began to relax, passing time contemplation DRC or fearing a lumbering 3 mile RFYL. And being closest to him we began to notice the missing buttons and leotards he wore up town. Ah yes, I remember the power struggle for class editor, the concern he showed my girl at Zollman's

, The summer school nightly beer parties, and the three 10-6-30's in as many weeks. This is a man with character, after all, who else could fall off House Mountain and survive? Thanks Nick, you've been one heck of friend to us all.

RCM

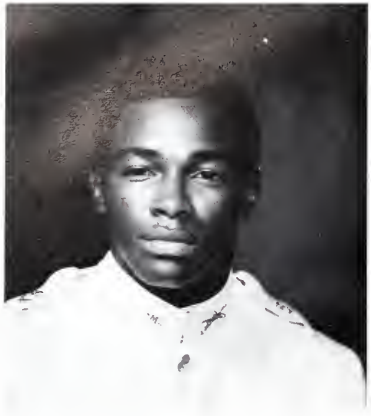
To my friends, thanks for putting up with me for four years. To my Mom, thanks for putting up with me for twenty-two years. And to my Babe, thanks for the years to come. Look out world . . .

DYKES 1978: Paul Cambell
1984: Bill Noel "Smilling Rat"
Mike Savage "Savage Rat II









Robert Albert Savage

"CoCo, Coke, Bobby, Baby Face"
Atlantic (where?), Virginia
Economics-Army-Armor

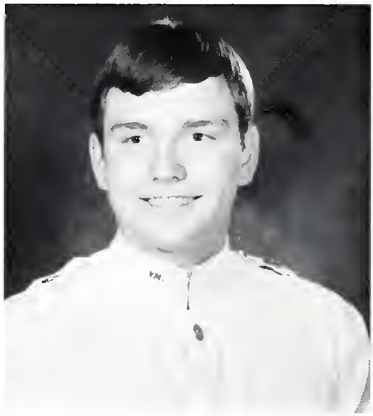
Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Track 1; J.V. Basketball 2; Promaji 4, 3, 2, 1; Class Advisory Council 1; Monogram Club 1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Baseball 4; Patchin All-Americans Hound Club

I came to VMI from Atlantic (where?) Va., a brash and bold young man. Then suddenly I was transformed into a "Rat", . . . a Magpie . . . a Nat.'I! The first year was tough, but having dykes like the ones we did made it much easier. Thanks '78. My third and second class year were full of confinement, demerits, and running the blocks. Most important, though, were the two super "Roomies" and everlasting friends I found, Corky (Felix Unger) Mitchell and Louie (Muskrat) Rolan. Thanks for all you've done fellows. I'll never be able to repay you. Second Class year was better, Dean's List and Ring Figure, of course. But Corky will never get me another blind date, right, Louis? Senior year will be greatest!!!

Last, but in no way least: Thanks Mom, Dad, sis'es, and everyone back home for giving me the confidence in myself along with pride and the support that I needed, for without it I would never have made it. You're the greatest family and friends. Special thanks to the Rolen family and Mrs. Mitchell. Best wishes to Doc, Squash, Mac, Squirrel, and the class of '81 and '84. Hang in there "D.C." and "Hot Lanta"

Always, Thank you God!

DYKES 1978: Ron Carter, Andre Gibson, Johnny Garrnett
1984: Steve Short ("D.C."), Darryl Robinson ("Hot Lanta")



Thomas John Savage

"T, Bucket-S, TJ, Tum"
North Huntingdon, Pa.
Civil Engineer-Armor

College O; Basketball 4, 3, 2, Co-Captain 1; Baseball 4; Scuba Club 1; ASCE: Pres. 1, V.P. 2, Treasurer 3; Drug Counsel 2; ROA 2, 1; Reg. XO 1; Mst. Sgt. 2; Cpl 3; Phi Kappa Phi: V. Pres. 1; Ring Figure Entertainment Committee; Acaemically Distinguished; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Academic All-Conference 2.

This man came to the Institute ignorant of its traditions. He came with the dream of playing Division I Basketball and acquiring the knowledge to become a top-rate engineer. He has faced the same problems all cadets had to encounter and received help from his parents with their never-ending love. However, it has been his close friends, Ed and Jim, that have kept him sane and always been by his side. His precious Sandra Lynn that possesses the same "Never Say Die" attitude has given him the strength of two people.

I must thank Walt Ayers for bringing me to this place and my professors for making me an individual. My wish is that all those friends I have helped will walk across the stage with me in May and will leave this place with the pride we all have earned

. . . . He will continue to rise up to meet the challenges of his future

DYKES 1978: Bill Young
1984: Steve Hupp
Tony Yelverton



Michael Anthony James Sawyer

"Mike, A.J., Michael J., Bubba"
Bayonne, New Jersey
Biology-Army-Infantry

Cadet Program Board 4, 3, 2, 1, V.P. 1; Hop and Floor Committee 4, 3, 2 V.P. 1; Cadet Activities Committee 4, 3, 2, 1; Institute Escorts 2, 1; AUSA 4, 3; VMI Symposium Committee 2; Head Dead 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 4.

Three years ago, you couldn't have told me that the day would arrive when I'd get out of VMI. There have been occasions when I felt like making it an immediate occurence. However, throughout the tribulations VMI has managed to help me in a few ways. I won't go into that here, I'd just get so . . . so confused. Anyway, my greatest aid in weathering the VMI storm has been the strong bonds of friendship I've been fortunate to develop here. Without these unforgettable people, mostly Brother Rats, I never would have made it.

Thanks Mom, Dad, Marc, Billy, and Jim my greatest inspirations and supporters. Billy, your help has been invaluable.

Gene, we stuck it out for four years. Thanks for your friendship, buddy. Finally, I'd like to say:

"What a long, strange trip it's been."

- Grateful Dead

DYKES 1978: Jim Leech
1984: Pat Holt









Joseph Alexander Scioscia Jr.

"Crazy-Joe, Joe-Face, Meatbag, Uncle Joe"
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania
Physics-Air Force

Wrestling 4, 3, 2; Lacrosse 4, 3; Capt., Hockey 2, 1; Arnold Air Society 4, 3, 1; Regt. S-2 1; SPS 4, 3, 2, 1; Mallory Militia 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Rack 2, 1; Skipper-of-the-ghetto-cruiser 2, 1; All Nighters' Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

Two years ago, a great "ghost" from the Class of 1978 returned to VMI and moved in with four members of his dykes class - and the fun began. Joe, we've given each other a lot of good-natured grief since then, You've taken the best I can give, and boy, I sure have suffered for it.

I'm not even going to try and say what your friendship has meant to me. But, I wouldn't trade these last two years for anything.

By the way - you're boned for no cuff links in blouse. EPS

It's been one hell of a long cadetship, especially for someone who originally came here for () and grins.

Thank you '81 for treating me like a Bro. Seldom has the "I" seen so tight a class, or had one of which it could be so proud.

DYKES: 1975: Dave Powers, Chris Smart, Bob O'Conner
1984: Mark Hooker



Henry Chatard Scott, V

"Hal, Evil Kenevil, Casey Jones"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics-Navy-P3 Driver

Varsity Rifle Team 4, Navy Pistol Team 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 3, 1; Glee Club 4, Cadet Photographer 4, 3; Firefighters 1; Number One Evasion Club 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Herpetological Society 2, 1; PX Cashier Harrassment Club; Private 4, 3, 2; Reg. s-2, 1; VMI Stunt Drivers Association (Driver) 1;

Hal came to VMI on that bright, hot August afternoon in '77 and the Institute has never been the same since. After a year and a half of practicing at breaking major VMI regulations, January 1979 saw the birth of the S-2 task force. Thereafter, and rule that could bring about a Special Report was subject to ridicule as it joined the expanding list of Hal's conquest. Permits were yet another matter. I really think we should have given Harold a dictionary! Never a disapproved permit! What with class desertions, girls and booze in the room and all the other rules we broke together, there has never been a dull moment. May FORTUNE always ride high on your shoulders. At least you know that Wanda won't forget us. KHB "80"

DYKES: 1978: Vagel Keller
1984: Glenn Parrish (Mr. Clean)



Jessie Quimby Seawell, IV

"Swell, Weebles, See-well, Bebe"
Aledo, Texas
Civil Engineering-Army-Infantry

AUSA 4; Motivated 4, 55-2, 1; Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Weeble Co.-2, 1; Number one club

Jesse's uniqueness of character, or unique lack of character is known throughout the halls of VMI and in some cases beyond them, but his talent for being a true friend may not be widely publicized. It should be. When we planned the impossible by forcefully cohabitating a 2nd class room with one Jesse, one demerit mad private and one grubby ranker, it was hailed a major experiment. Unfortunately, Jessie, instead of having his head examined over the summer, had it meet a telephone in Texas as a result of a motorcycle accident, that posponed our plans. The grief that all of us that knew him felt was not allowed to persist however as stories of recovery and miraculous courage filtered back to us from Texas climaxed by his closing act of returning to the "I" after only a semster leave. We were happy (I think) to find the same old guy we'd known before the wreck (BW) with only minor changes that included increased confidence (cockier) and very outgoing (annoying). On a serious note, Jessie has been and always will be an unwaiving friend and inspiration to us all. With all you've accomplished the rest should be easy, but good luck anyway. CHW—Special thanks to Col Sculley and the CE department. Thanks, Mom, Dad, Bob, Charlie, Susan, Dris, Overton and Capell, Sis and Anne. Yeah, you too Bubba. No bad feelings Dr. McCallum, F.O. I love you, Anne. One more year.

DYKES 1978: Marc Bryant
1984: Mike Grafton









Edward Paul Semeia

"Ed, Eddie, Dee-Dee-Dee"
Brooklyn, New York
Electrical Engineering-Navy-Nuclear Power

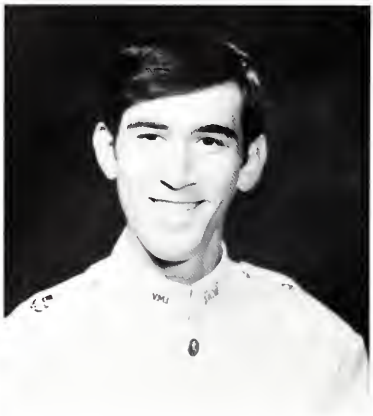
RFYL 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet 4, 3, 2; Newman Club 4, 3; IEEE 3, 2, 1; Pvt-4, Cpl-3, Sgt-2, Lt-1;

Ed, you've got the most easily recognized voice in bawwaks; and though we feel your endless grief, we weally wuv you. Having achieved what you set our for, superior academic and military performance, you ought to be happy. (Now if you could only win the room wrestling matches). Cos, Danny, Carl and I will never let you live down your rooting for Navy, the terrible gym dyke, or the sound you made during one wrestling session when you were on the bottom. Having survived 4 years at the 1 and 4 crazy roomates, I know you can succeed at whatever you set ouy for. JAS

It's hard to describe what I feel at the end of these four years at VMI. Many thanks and best wishes to the class of 1981.

Most of all, thanks Mom and Dad, for always being there.

DYKES: 1978: Basil E. Smith
1984: Carl E. Gregory



Roy Daniel Serice

"Rapid Roy"
Alexandria, Va.
Electrical Engineering-Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Late Study 4, 3, 1; Karate Club 4, 3; Handball, RFYL 3, 1; Civilian 2; Sports Parachute Club 1

What could it be? Persistance, dogged determination? The decision to come to the "I" was made with little difficulty, but getting through the place was quite a different ballgame. Through all the bones, exams, drill on the hill, and countless nights of late study, I had little reason to believe that this was just another place you go to get a diploma. Returning after a year's absence was accomplished with some patience and uncertainty, but should be worth it in the end. In that respect, I must thank my family and friends for their kindness and support; the Man from '78 who "set a dumb Rat straight"; and most importantly my former roommates and Brother Rats whose friendships I will always cherish.

"Have two goals: wisdom-that is, knowing and doing right-and common sense. Don't let them slip away, for they fill you with living energy and are a feather in your cap."

(Proverbs)

DYKES 1978: Jon A. Manson
1984: Tom Hesson



Steven Reid Shaffer

"Sidebuttons, Triangle Face"
Warrenton, Va.
EE-MS-Eng.

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 1st Lt 1; Rugby 4; Rat Training 3, 2, 1; IEEE 1; Sport Parachute Club 1; Cabin Party 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Presentation Committee 2; Neal's meals on wheels 2, 1

Steve first walked through that hallowed arch in August of '77 knowing little about what was in store for him. Alot has happened in these four years. trash cans full of water, raids on Mary Baldwin, periods of silence, green information slips, a VMI ring, and parachutes and dykes. And now, Steve is trading his garrison cap for an electrical engineer's hat A lot of us envy Steve because beautiful girls are always attracted to him. I guess it's because of his blond hair and that baby face of his. Or maybe the girls have heard about how good Steve is with a broom!

Steve, you will be very successful in life, no matter how defines success, because you possess in abundance, those certain intangible qualities: BR spirit, pride, dedication, and honor. VMI can take pride in claiming you as a graduate/ You have been a model cadet, but above all, you have been a Brother Rat.

A special thanks to Mom, Dad and Shawn for just being there and especially for excepting all those collect calls.

DYKES 1978: Glenn Dallinger
1984: Barry Ballard
Bart Combs









Leonard Carl Shelton Jr.

"L.C."
Farmville, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Air Force-Technical

Corporal 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 4, 1; Arnold Air Society 3, 2, 1; Treasurer AAS 2, 1; S-5 Tour Guide 4, 3, 2; Trash Chute Club 3, 2, 1; B.A.C. 1; Engineers Against Late Study 4, 3, 2, 1.

Nobody's perfect! Somebody's got to do the farming. By any means, of somebody's perfect, it's L.C Who else coud get stars and not take late study. L.C. has a natural sophistication along with good-ole common sense. Add to that an uncommon personal integrity and you have the background of an exceptional friend. Take care L.C. I would like to thank all of my family and friends for standing behind me for these four years, but I want to express my utmost gratitude to my Mother and Father. I realize how tight money is around home and I just want to let you know that those ten and twenty dollar "loans" when I was low on cash have meant a whole lot more to me than any tuition payment ever could have. Thanks for the support. L.C.

DYKES 1978: Mark McKissick
1984: Mark Davis, Doug Shepherd



Mark Christopher Shepard

"Grub, Grubby, Number Six, H.R., Starcity-Kid"
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Scuba Diving 4, 3; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Biology 4; Explores Club 2, 1; Grub 2, 1; Number Six 3; Ranger 4; ASCE Ticket Raffle Winner 1; VASP Night School 2; Conal Street Festival 4.

Coming to VMI has been quite an experience for me as it is for most cadets. I was very surprised and shocked on D-Day when I said "Bye" to my parents for a while. Not knowing what was in store for me I picked up my bags and walked through the arch. This is where four years of wild stories and tales began. With the help of my brother rats I have managed to finally make it. After massive confusion during my rat year, I knew I wasn't here to be a biology major. Ever since I have set my mind on being a civil engineer. While struggling for this I saw that there were only two reasons to be here. To get a good education and to try to have a good time whenever possible. If I could remember everyone that helped me along during the times I had to much of a goodtime, I would. The friendship I have made here will last forever. I would like to thank my family and friends for their support throughout my cadetship.

DYKES 1978: Joe Stranger
1984: Terry "No Name" Rogers



Wirt Evans Shinault

"Wicter"
Richmond, Va.
Civil Engineering-Army Engr.

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranker (2 months) 3, 2; 325 Pub Club; 248 Social Club, 148 Country club, A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor, 2, 1; Concrete Canoe 1

It all started in rm. 454, one of the best friendships I've ever had. Wirt and I managed to make it through a semester with the three stoogies and the rest was cake. Being the laid back type of person he was, the ranker image wasn't to appealing so he followed 'party's "foot steps. Surfing roadtrips with Bobby and Joel got Wirt through his third class year. Then Wirt's interest shifted, with Ed and I at summer camp, he spent increasingly more time with Beth. In spite of his increasing trips to, the holy city and close encounters with Tacs Wirt continued to be a leading mischief maker in ghetto. We'll always remember Wirt. U.W.H.

Thank you family, roommates, and especially Beth, Mom and Dad for your patience! I now begin my search for an endless summer.

DYKES 1978: Bill Harding
1984: Lee Wimbish









Joseph Haven Shrader

"Joe, Redneck, Darth Shrader, Hooter"
Narrows, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Navy

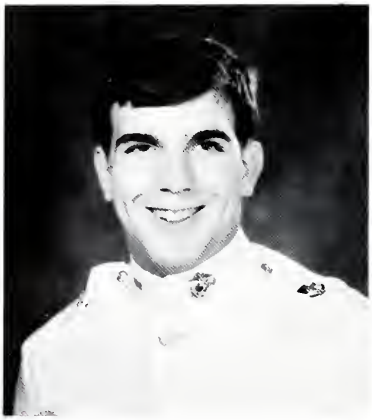
Pvt. 4, 2; Cpl. 3; 2nd Lt.-Drum Major 1; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1; (Vice Pres. 2); (Director 2, 1); Rat Training 3, 1; ASCE 2, 1; Hobbit 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's Other List 4, 3, 2, 1; "Brother of Swing" 3, 2, 1; Bufu '81 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4; Pharmcs Grain Club 3, 1; Redneck 4, 3, 2, 1; PX Cowboy 4, 3, 2, 1.

From his humble beginnings on Berman's Farm in Whereinthehellisnarrows, Va., to the big "I", Joe has epitomized the VMI Keydet. His grades, PX habits, and nocturnal (also during the days) habits led him to the 2.0 and go attitude prevalent among many of his peers. Without Kim's caress's and gentle prodding, Joe would have found VMI more than wanting. Joe's easy-going personality made him a great roommate and a major peacekeeping force in the room.

One of his roommates needs to thank him for an introduction to a certain Narrows girl. LEM

I would like to thank my parents for their help and support these past four years. Life at the "I" was made more pleasant with Marge's presence. And last but not least, Kim, for her endless understanding in putting up with me. Mom and Daddy-sorry for being a Pain! I only want you to be proud of your only Son. JHS

DYKES: 1978: Cliff Seibel
1984: Nick "Dancing Bear" Harman, Barry "Casper" Mines



Michael Anthony Shupp

Bethlehem, Pa.
History-Marine Corps-Infantry

Regt. S-5 Capt.; Regt. S-5 Sgt.; Cpl.; Pvt.; Airborne 3; Bulldog 2, Ski Club 4, 3, 1; Guide 2, 1; Scuba Club 2, 1; Int-Rel. Club 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Acad. Dist. 1; Dyke School 2; Cadet-in-Charge Marshall Lib. 1; Cadet Asst. 2; Cadre 2, 1;

In the past few years I have learned so very much. I have so many people to thank and to remember that I don't know where to begin.

First to my parents who have been so good to me. Few people have parents as good as mine and I will never forget them or stop loving them. They have given me the greatest examples to follow. I only hope that I can be as good as they are.

To all my family for tolerating my hardships and moods, Thank You!

As for my Brother Rats, Dykes, and everyone at VMI, thank you for everything you have done for me. I will never forget you.

Finally to a very special "princess" who has shared and tolerated VMI, the Marines, and work with me. For apart we always stayed near at heart.

DYKES: 1978: Rob Trauer, Bill Lowe, Bob Virdick, Adopted Craig Wallen
1984: Ray Hensel, Tim Phipps



Robert Steven Silverman

"Hewbchop, hebe"
Hicksville, NY
History-Army-Armor

Glee club 4, 3, 2; AUSA 4; TAnker platoon, 2; Fencing 4, 3; Equestrian club 1; 434 Water polo; Commandoes 4; Survivor of thundering herd stampede 2; Girl watchers 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Vet. harvest Moon Massacre. 4.

Bob came to VMI from "the great state of long island" and right away found that he was in for a fun filled four (or five) years. Being rivals in the great douche wars of 1977-8, I know of his poor luck. From having his hay stabbed repeatedly to clocks flying into walls, he has put up with the unbearable. Then, when he found out his true love had two live in boyfriends, he became a heavy drinker (which for him is three beers). Surviving it all, he found himself at summer camp (the real army) where the fun really began. But finally he became a senior and spent his weekends looking for Mrs. Goodbar and his weeknights glued to the t.v. screen. Congratulations on your patience and good luck in all you attempt.

DYKES: 1978: Dave Kahle
1984: Jon Raden









William Russell Stamm

"Billy, Dirtworm, Willie, Mudpuppy, Damn Staamm"
Hockessin, Delaware
Civil Engineering

Soccer 4, 3, 2; EC, GC Secretary 1; Intramural Handball Director 1; Club 402 Alumnus; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1

Billy is our good friend who has undergone so many changes that it's hard to say exactly who he is. This has earned him the nickname "dirtworm," but thats only one part of him. He is a walking paradox. Possessor of a carefree appearance and a wild reputation, Billy has spent many a weekend studying or helping us out when we need it. He cares about his friends but will never tell you. However, actions DO speak louder than words and he can be deafening. He's also had a varied cadetship. From being a stract rat and the pride and joy of his dyke the ranker, Willie has evolved into the epitome of a first class private. The avid sportsman, tha functional illiterate and the man always doing something, this bow legged nut will go as far as he wishes. He always has. JFF & AMM

I would like to thank my parents for all the love and understanding that they have given me in my four eventful years at VMI, I could never have done it without you! I love you.

DYKES 1978: Craig Wallen
1984: Mark Sossi



Joseph MacKay Spears III

"Mac, Macker, Maco, MacKay"
Fairfax, Virginia
History-U.S.M.C.-Pilot

Wrestling 4, 3; Lacrosse 3, 2, Tri-Captain 1; S.E.H. Member 1; No. 1 Club; G.M.U. Sabbatical CLub 3; Cadet Assistant 3, 2, 1; Running the Block 4, 3, 2, 1; D.B.S. 1; Vice Pres., Sports Parachute Club 1; Honorary Y.D. Member 2, 1; T.D. 4, 3, 2, 1

V.M.I. attracts all types ranging from those who automatically fit into the military system and some who do not. In the three and a half years of knowing Mac I would say that despite all the ways the Institute has of trying to mold an individual into what it deems a good cadet, Mac has never lost the character he matriculated with. Who could forget Mac's attempts to entertain students from other schools in the barracks of V.M.I., or midnight raids on innocent Hokies carrying game balls to Norfolk. Road trips for lacrosse and weekends spent away from the "I" were always good ways to make this place a little easier to bear. When you look back on the four years at V.M.I. it is these types of things along with filling the desire to be what you want to be that make V.M.I. what it is. May Mac's lust for good times and B.R. spirit never fade.

DYKES 1978: Red Shimanek, Brad Baker
1984: Roger "Sturge" Sturgill



Timothy Jeremiah Hillegass

"Tim, Hill-o-grass, Dad, Mt. F., Catholic"
Norfolk, Virginia
Economics Army-Field Artillery

Private 4, 3, 1; Corporal 3; Sergent 2; Cadet Battery 3, 2; T.C.F.C. 1981 3, 2;

Tim came to VMI, as an academic Third, after having spent two years at a junior college. Thus he was the "Old" man in the room, and quickly became "dad" to a younger generation. The military aspects of VMI were not new to tim. His advice, experience, sense of humor and wit made life bearable during the worst of times. We were sad to see him graduate in 1980. But he has not been forgotten and we all missed him during our First class year. I can say that Tim was a person you could depend on. He was a good roommate, and more than that, a good friend. Tim will do well in life and I wish him the best of luck for success and happiness.

M.W.M. 1981

DYKES: 1978 Paul Kenny





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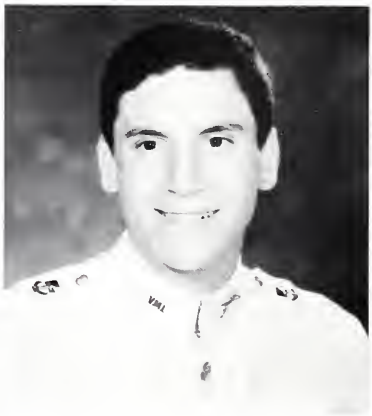
Wayne Jeffrey Suggs

"Suggsbunny, Bunny"
Alexandria, Virginia
Naval Civilian Corp.

B.B.T.C. 1

"There's a light in the darkness of everybody's life." Thank you to all the people who helped me to survive my experience at V.M.I.; without this help, probably nothing would have been accomplished.

DYKES 1978: Revercomb, J.P.
1984: Scanlon, J.J.



Nicholas George Sysock

"Socks, Kelvin, Ten, Sarah, Cusa"
Rahway, New Jersey
History-Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; I.R.C. 3, 2, 1; S-5 Staff 2; Posit Committee 1; Sallyport 3, 2, 1; N.Y.-N.J. Club 4, 3, 2, 1; History Department Cadet Assistant 1; Ft. Bragg Advanced Camp 1980-40 Club Member

This galvanized Yankee undulated down from the "Garden State" to tackle the vigors of cadet life at the "I". After a chaotic Rat year that defies description, Nick buckled down adn turned into a "poster"? cadet!!! He soon achieved wide acclaim from the underclassmen. Driven by an insatiable hunger for chevrons, Nick finally reached the illustrious rank of S-1 Sgt. for E Company!!! He later became a "very popular" lieutenant as well. All jokes aside, beneath the glistening brass and shoes, and 3 by 5 cards, there lurks a warm, loyal friend. Of all the bad memories that I'll have of V.M.I., his friendship will be one of my most cherished.

T.M. Murphy, 1st Battalion S-4,
Trang's Division,
Imperial Japanese Army

In closing I would like to thank my family and the few close friends I made at V.M.I. for making my four years at the Institute a rewarding experience that I will always cherish.

Nicholas G. Sysock

DYKES 1978: D.A. Colden, S.J. Konkus
1984: James D. "Oberleutnant" Kenkel
Mark W. "Lizard Head" Hirsch



Nathan Charles Tabbert

Rocky, Midget, Body, Nate Rotten, The Rifleman, Spike"
Hendersonville, Tennessee
Civil Engineering - Marine Corps

Band Company Commander 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Master Sgt. 2; Airborne School 3; Rifle Team 4; Sport Parachute Club 4; The "I Know Women" Club 3, 2, 1; Platinum Zambonies 2, 1; Sigma Nu Raiders, Forever.

Although I had seen Nate a few times during Rat Year I didn't get to know him until chance threw us together as roommates during our third class year. A fast friendship developed helped along by the fact that the both of us were serving a month of room confinement together. We both managed to survive the pitfalls and difficulties of our third class year like "The Worm" only to wind up the summer before our second class year at pleasant Fort Benning with the Airborne Crowd. Second class year came and went filled with good times and bad jokes (Hey Schmucko!). I've got to admit I hate to see it end, but wherever I go I'll be listening for "Hey Big Mac" from behind me. Buddy, its been great.

W.J.M.

V.M.I. has no graduates, only survivors. N.C.T.

DYKES 1978: Rockefeller
1984: "Pin Head" Nicolia, "Boo-Boo" White









David Garton Taylor

"Dave, Davo, Gart"
Chesterfield, Virginia
Physics and Mathematics-Air Force—Missile

Wrestling (4th Southern Conference) Letter 4; Cadet Staff 4, 3; BSU 2, 1; Arnold Air Society 4, 3, 2, Commander 1; SPS 4, 3, 2, 1; One of Pud's Boys 4, 3, 2; Mallory Hall Kill Ball Club 2, 1; Grub Ranker Club 3½, 2, 1; Pseudo Ranker 2, 1

Dave and I became a team second class year. Our numerous 3:00 A.M discussions revealed his many dreams and crazy ideas; all he needed was an attentive ear, and his dreams inched closer to reality. Dave was the kind of guy who didn't have to shine his shoes or brass to be a leader . . . he just had to be Dave. Everything he ventured to accomplish ended in the land of success every executive longs for.

His overabundance of personality and his soft heart made him a hit with every young lady he met.

As a double-major, he deserved his plush office in Mallory Hall, complete with TV, refrigerator, air conditioning, etc; as a friend he deserved a great deal more than I could express in these few words. Dave was and always will be my Brother Rat and closest friend.

LBA

Folks, thanks for your love and tolerance.

David

DYKES 1978: Cliff Seibel
1984: James "Cool" Parham, Steve "confused" Pishdad



Stephen Victor Tennant

"Nuts, Stoop Nomad, The Man In Control"
Annandale, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Engineers

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Cannon Ball Engineer 2, 1; **The VMI Cadet** 4, 3, 2, 1; TCFC '81- Shirts and Follies Chairman; Pit Crew; Road Trips 3, 2, 1b; D Co. Guidon Bearer; Wed. and Sat. afternoon sewing circle; Jimmy Leach Fan Club; Re-type Those Histories Club 1

Without a doubt, Nuts has had a "model" cadetship. Virgin private, CBC, frequent frat house excursions, and lots of forced meditation have been his trademarks. Steve brought to VMI a truly unique immagination, and he applied it to the system in a way that has made the last four years fantastic.

Steve contributed much to the Corps, and will surely go far! Extreme immagination, and a slightly radical attitude made it a thrill to have Nuts around. His late night staff box assassinations, lay-outs, cannon ball masterpieces, and the Stoop Nomad's allnighters-whether on the road to BV or on top of the sentinal box-will go down in history. See you in Moody Hall, Gonads, in your Red, White, and YELLOW tie.

I would like to thank my family and my roommates. You made it all worthwhile.

DYKES: 1978: Mike Witter
1984: Joe Rickard, Bob Bierman



Steven Bennett Thomas

"Pumpkin Head, Homely"
Roanoke, Virginia
Chemistry-Air Force-Pilot

Corporal 3; Sgt. 2; Bravo Co. XO 1; Ring Figure Flowers Chairman 81; Asst. Activities Bomb Editor 2; Vice President ACS 2; President Ski Club 1; ROA 3, 2; Football 4; VMI Campaign 1; Mary Baldwin Club 3, 2, 1; Honorable Razorback 1; Ring Figure Dance Instruction Committee 81; Cheerleader 2, 1

VMI has definitely been a learning experience for me. I have moved twice since high school, so my friends here at the "I" have really been an asset and I thank them all. I would like a special "thank you" to go out to: the DB, at MBC (Spencer), especially Patti and Lynn (we have been through alot), for some fun partying weekends and weeknights (Ranger Pits), Andy, Mark L., Paul and John.

Mark, thanks for the things you did for me 2nd class year, some of the things you showed me about myself have opened my eyes, and I'd like you to know just how much I really appreciate it.

Mom and Dad, I love you!! Thanks for the support, while at VMI and before, you have always been there when needed. Mom, well, I got one out of two. Dad, it looks like the license plate has finally come true "58-81"!!!

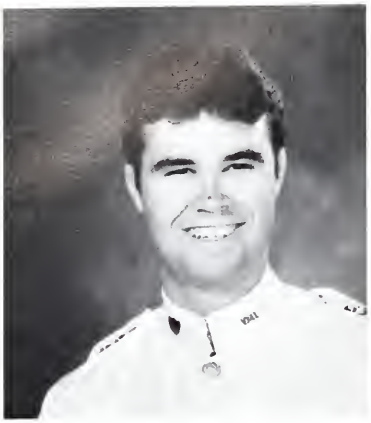
Frances Perri Wilson
Where There Is A Will
Forever
ILY

DYKES 1978: Mat Schell
1984: Clay Goss









Bruce Edward Thompson

"Sangria, Hunter, Phred"
Colonial Heights, Virginia
EE-Navy-Nuke Subs

College Rep. 4; IEEE 2, 1; Scuba Club 2, 1; Karate Club 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Women Chasing 4, 3, 2, 1; Tag Team Wrestler 1; Rack Stars 4, 3, 2, 1;

The first time I saw the "Big I", I thought it was the Lexington Penitentiary. I was right! The only thing that made my imprisonment worthwhile was the other inmates and the time off for good behavior (ot which there was very little). I'll never forget Ring Figure, the band was excellent, all five of them. First class is the best. Roads trip to everywhere. Trying to figure out how to study and go out on the same night. Phred the Phonecian will never be forgotten in this area. Thanks to Mom and Dad for putting with all my bull**** over the past 21 years. Good luck to Christopher and I hope you don't become a rat. Mark, don't forget the motto or the song.

DYKES 1984: Chris Zendt



Chet Dennis Thompson

"Chester, Cheddar-Cheese, Xerox King, SB"
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Civil Engineering-Marine Corps-Engineer

CDT 4, 3, 2, 1

I came to VMI thinking I was very set in my ways and thoughts, yet a lot has changed in my outlook since our matriculation day. VMI has definitely taught me a lot. Not just the academics, but even the administration has taught me many things. But my greatest recognition and thanks goes to my Brother Rats for some of the best learning experiences I've had.

Mom and Dad I would like to thank you for supporting my decision to go to VMI. I haven't always remembered to thank you for all the support you have given me, but without it I never would have survived.

Terry, you have been really beautiful all the way through this experience. Your patience and understanding have been super. You could have made it rougher than it was, yet you always supported me in the right decisions. Thank you, Babe.

DYKES 1978: Gary Snyder
1984: Mike Walter, Carlos Zamora



Edward Fletcher Thompson

"Hard Ass, Fletch, Bam-Bam"
Mobile, Alabama
Civil Engineering-Army-Engineers

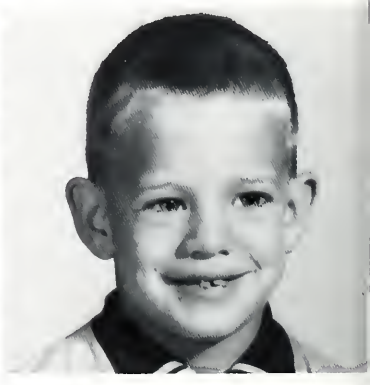
A.S.C.E. 2, 1; D.M.S.; Secretary R.D.C.; Restless Rebel 4, 3, 2, 1; Ghetto Crew 4; Illegal Car Club 2; Confinement 2; Crimson Tide Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1

When I first set foot on "campus", I wondered what this country boy did wrong to deserve such punishment. Since then, I have realized the reason why I came here is not important now, and the excuses for leaving the "zoo" and all its fun are fading into the past. The importance now lies not in remembering to sign confinement checks, but the realization that the ultimate goal has been accomplished after these four years of B.S., hardships, and good-timin' friends. We'll always remember the Rats of Ghetto, the "300" poker parties, the greatest Ring Figure Weekend, the unforgettable cadre road trip to L.A., and Rebel Yell. Thanks Ma and Pa for all of your support, and thank you, Karen, for understanding me to the point of tolerance. A special thanks to someone who was very dear to me-my dyke. Bont, I feel your spirit will always be with me, and I dare not fail you.

DYKES 1978: The Late Bont F. "Buzz" Tulbert
1984: Harold "Hot Dog" Hamner









Robert Ryland Thompson

"Bobby T., Bubb, Batface
Wise, Virginia
English-Army-Corps of Engineers

Baptist Student Union; Rat Corporal and Sergeant; First Sergeant; Honor Court; Bravo Company Commander; Rick, Ted and Roger Fan Club; Doc Disciple; Murf and Puff Hero Club; Philippians 4:13

The Dove landed gently and I, afraid, took my step and touched the ground for the first time. There I stood, alone, with Virgin Wings, and trembled as she flew away, Her powerful wings lifting Her into the sky from where She gracefully disappeared over the mountain. And I wept, for never had She appeared so beautiful to me. This Dove is the fulifillment of my life, my God given strength and comfort. She taught me to love and love She gave to me, perfectly and beautifully, wholly ripened, with the eyes and laughter of a child. This Dove will remain an indelable memory to the boy whom She gave wheat and whose shoulders carry dust from Her tender feet. That dust is now gold and my daily bread I make from Her wheat. The parting tear will never evaporate completely, but the rain from that which has evaporated makes me grow. My family, the Dove of my life, I love you.

DYKES 1978: Tom Ferguson
1984: Rick Flanner, Ted Comer



Cristopher David Timmons

"Bear, Beak Brothers"
Orlando, Florida
Economics-Army

Sir Edmund Hillary Club 1; Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Thursday Patchin All-American Club 2, 1; Maj. Maegar Fan Club; PC (pres.) 3, 2, 1; Beta Ida Theta 1

Four years ago today I bever thought I'd still be here, but life at VMI anything can happen. It's been a real challenge and I can honestly say I have no real complaints . . . Well, like dear old mom taught me; If you can't say something nice, say nothing at all! Mums the word! I'd like to thank my family for all their supprot.

Hold it Timmons, enough is enough! Everybody knows the only reason you came to VMI was to play football. Because of his size many of the "larger" schools overlooked Cris's real ability. Believe me, if he'd gotten some bigger offers none of us would know the beak. So thanks Alabama, Georgia, Florida State . . . No seriously I think everybody that knows Cris has enjoyed being around him, and hearing him tell hil "Florida stories". So take it easy and stay in touch.

DYKES 1978: Jeff Yates
1984: Blake Hippensteil, Rob Russakoff



David Wayne Tomczak

"Tomcat, Magnet, Ym Ym"
Manases, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-AirForce-Pilot

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Corpral 3; sps 2; IEEE 4, 3, 2, 1; RFYL 4, 3; SFYL 2,; Boxing 1; Late study club 4, 3, 2, 1; Weekend Club 2, 1; Disco All Night Club 3, 2; Soccer 4.

Since we signed the registration paper at cockhall, four years have gone by. But the last four years were the most important four years we will ever have because they were a turning point from highschool kids to adults. Remember the good times: Zollamon parties, Georgetown, Radford, Studio 50, Roanoke and Florida Of course, the ring figure too. Also you work very hard; there were not many nights when you went to bed before 2 AM. Somehow, you never had problems getting good grades, a job and getting jobs on weekends. You are one of the few who got what he searched for. The four years at VMI gave us a lot of good lessons. These will make us successful in the outside world. Wish you best luck, Dave. And I am going to miss you. In addition, I'd like to thank you for helping me and sharing your friendship. Thanks a lot for the unforgettable birthday present, Brother Rat.

DYKES 1978: Thomas Shaw
1984: Arthur Tringal, Ekkul Vanadit









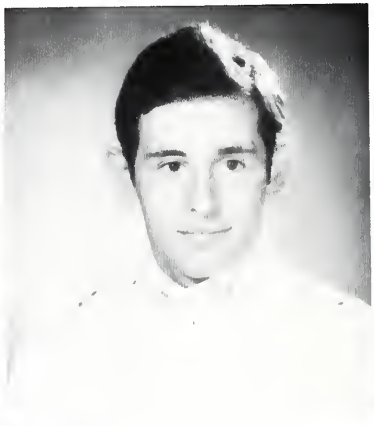
Peter Michael Tranchik

"Pete, Swami, Bighead"
Iselin, New Jersey
Civil Engineering-Army

All five, 3; Pvt. 4; Cpl., 3; Sgt., 2; Reg. S-5, Lt., 1; E.O. Y.O., 4, 3, Co-Chairman 2, 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1,:

There's a lot that could be said now, but all I could think of was to thank my family and friends for the past four years. Congratulations and good luck to the class of "81".

DYKES 1978: Gene Sveum
1984: Brian Hermanson



Dixon Withers Tucker

"Dix, Hoodless, Big nose, Click"
Roseland, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Special Student

S.A.M.E. 3, 2, 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; Equestrian Club 1; Concrete Canoe 1; Summer School Club 77', 78, 79'; Grotto 2

Dixon Tucker, I knew him well. Last year we had our nightly meeting in the barracks study room. Neither one of us wanted to study, so we would sit there and B.S. for awhile. After listening to each others problems, we would proclaim that we were insane again. Then we would go back to work again. I will never forget the suppers when we would leave ranks just to get our steak knives, and then just get back to the company right before they left. I shouldn't forget to mention all the girls too. There was Lisa, Susie, Debbie, and who knows how many more. All were friends to sit in the "X" with and just talk to. Maybe also to go see a movie with. Who else could mention that she liked certain kinds of music when she is in certain moods, or put her feet through the car floor! I was also told to remind you to leave your new mailing address with Mary (the lady who runs the mail room). she said she didn't want to keep all that junk mail for you like she did most summers. Dix, you have been a true friend to me and to many others. I'm sure. When you were needed you didn't mind helping. You are just the kind of guy who is always nice to be around, no matter what mood you are in. I hope that in the future we will have plenty of opportunities to see each other again. My love to your mother.

R.P.W. '81

DYKES 1978: Steve Ketterer
1984: Cecil Davis



Robert Tabor Underwood

"Bob, Swamp Gator, Gator"
Dublin, Virginia
Physics-Air Force

Wrestling 4; Rugby 1; SPS 2, 1; Mosby's Gang.

Like most of us, I came to VMI a bit disillusioned and I leave the Mother "I" just a bit disillusioned. Four years of physics; Anal Mech., Quantum, Theoretical, what can be said but WOW! I'm glad it's over. Thanks to all you brother rats who have helped make the last four years here livable and even at times enjoyable and down right fun for this good ol' boy from Dublin. Thanks Mom and Dad for everything, I love you. Thanks to J.B for all those last minute rides to Lexington on Sundays and to Bryan for the four letters, one each year of my cadetship. I'd just like to finish out with some thoughts and words like Co-o-o-s, Jake-ob, hey, hey and last but not least, "double gut" (how 'bout it Bob?).

DYKES 1978: Brad Baker
Ned Stopanovich(?)

1984: John Jaworski
Tim Stanley









Mark Stephen Vasco

"Vask"
Steelton, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering-Army-Corps Of Engineers

Football 4, 3; Baseball 3, 2, 1; Ott-One Club 2, 1; Part Time Impressionist 4, 3, 2, 1; CE-ME Faculty Fan Club 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1.

It's been four years and I still can't figure out why I came here. I guess I just wanted to do something different. Different may be an understatement. In fact I know it is. Only time will tell if all these trials and tribulations will be beneficial in any way shape or form.

I would like to thank my parents who never forced me to come here. Yet never forced me to stay. Also, for putting up with what I did here when I was more soundly now that its over. I also thank my roommates, Count, Hinch, Train, and Wiener for making much of my time here enjoyable. Damehead too! Also to my future wife Lori who gave me the motivation and determination to make it through.

DYKES 1978: Tom Ferguson
1984: Danny Liston



Richard Scott Wagner

"Rich, Waggs, Bub, Ace, *¢@#%+#!"
Petersburg, Virginia
Physics-Navy-Nuclear Power

PVT. 4, 3, 2, 1; Society of Physics Students 2, 1; Sigma Pi Sigma; VMI Commanders 4, 3, 2, 1; Treasurer 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3; Pud's Boys 3, 2; Dean's List 4, 3, 2; U.R.P. 1980; A.W.F.M.B.

Imagine being both a cadet and the brother of the most popular TAC officer in barracks! With characteristic grace (and a certain degree of ineptitude) Waggs tolerated all the greif we fed him and served up a hearty portion in return. Although Rich was also the target of the entire TAC staff (as admitted by Capt. Hall) Room 163 somehow survived the shell shock of First Class year. By the way Rich, will you ever be room orderly? All of Pud's boys love you Rich (your glasses are slipping)—And we all remain in awe of the way you handled Willie in Theoretical. Finally, if you don't make it in physics I'm sure you can get a Departmental recommendation to dust erasers. -DGT-

DYKES 1978: Rick MacDonald
1984: Alex Weinstein



James John Walker

"J.J., Smiley, Big Walley, Jim Bo"
Huntington Station, New York
History-Armor-Army

Pvt-4; Cpl-3; Sgt-2; Pvt-1; Debate Team-4; BSU-4; AUSA-4, 3, 2, 1; President AUSA-1; Sigma Nu Raiders-4; 1 month room confinement club-3; Tankers-3, 2; Ranger Plt.-2, 1; DMS-1

Four years ago a goal was set, now it becomes a reality. For my parents and for Dave, Bob, and Hurbie who put up with me for four years my thanks. To my brother rats best wishes and a thought.

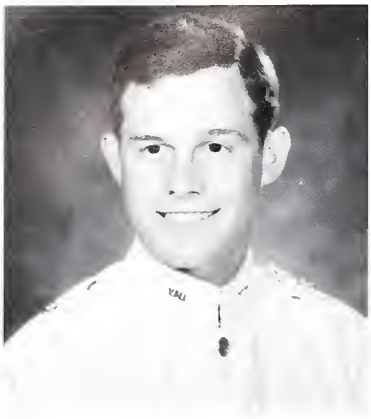
"Our revels now are ended. These our actors, as I foretold you, were all spirits, and are melted into air, into thin air. And like the baseless fabric of this vision, the cloud capped towers, the gorgeous palaces, the solemn temples, the great globe itself - yea, all which it inherit - shall disolve and, like this insubstantial paegent faded, leave not a rach behind. We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with sleep."
Shakespeare's The Tempest
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DYKES 1978: Stewart Ross Wolf
1984: Michael J. Hicks









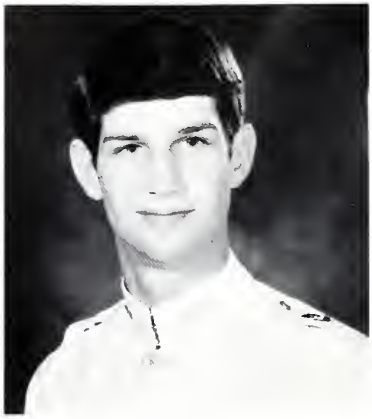
William Robert Ward

"Little Toot, Buffalo Bob, Billy Bob"
Moundsville, West Virginia
Economics-Army-Field Artillery

4th class-pvt.; 3rd class-pvt./cpl.; 2nd class-sgt./pvt. 1st class-pvt.; Glee Club 4; Cadet Assistant 2; Cadet Bugler 2, 1

Rob came to V.M.I. with high morals and goals along with a strong will, and after 4 years of the Institute somehow, he has maintained the same superior values. What can you say about a man who has gone through V.M.I. without saying one curse word?!, Unbelievable! Rob has been a source of constant tranquility for the room, with his quiet but decisive manner who always had a sympathetic ear to someone's problems. Rob leaves V.M.I. ready to make his mark in the world, which will be one that any man would be proud of. For those of us that know Rob, he serves as an inspiration to us as possessing the moral fiber which we all wish we had more of. Good Luck Rob, and when you make that first million, don't forget about your BR's. ECB

DYKES 1978: Larry Fluty
1984: Dan Gettings



James Mowton Waring

"Jamo, Jim, Jimmy, Mowton, Mow, Wussums"
Fairfax, Virginia
History-Army-Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Guidon Bearer 1; Bloodmobile Committee 3, 2, 1. Vice Chairman 2, Chairman 1; Fencing Team 3, 2, 1; Foil Team Captain 1; Copy Editor 1981 Ring Figure Magazine 2; AUSA 4; MBC Raid 4, 2; D.C. Bus Crew 4; Spring '80 Fla. Road Trip 2; Hokie Road Trip 1; Bill Dooley Fan Club 2, 1

It's finally over. I've completed my four years at VMI experiencing the good times as well as the bad. I'll never regret any of it; VMI has served its purpose and I'm ready to move on. A very special thanks go to my Mother and Father who have supported me in every way through four years here at VMI, including my summer program. Carroll, Matt, Bird: thank you for everything. To my dykes, Dave, and Mark, I know you guys will succeed. To my roomates Greg and Alex, you guys are great. I'll never forget the good times. Matt, 1983 is closer than you could ever imagine. Karen . . . thankyou! Dad, I now realize that "You May Be Whatever You Resolve To Be."

JMW

There are friends, good friends, and best friends but Jamo is in a class by himself. GBD

DYKES 1978: Geoffry Lee Henry
1984: Mark Gaines
David Pastorius
Matthew "Elwood" Waring ('83)



David Edward Washington

"Wash, Squash, Acorn, Boop"
Hampton, Virginia
Armor-Field Artillery-Army-Economics

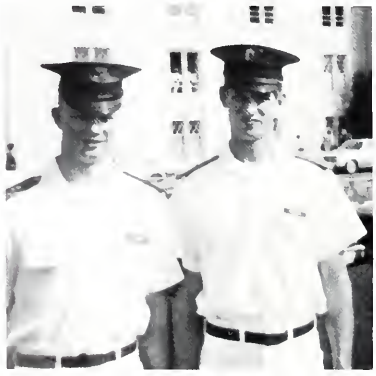
Track (indoor, outdoor)-4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji-4, 3, 2, 1; Society of Young Economists-2, 1; Breakout Committee-1

I've met alot of people and made a lot of friends since I entered the brick walls. Some have left, some are with me, and some will be left behind (poor souls). The Track Team will never be forgotten in my heart, mind of legs. Darryl Horne, I leave the Track Team and Coach Williams to you, or is it the other way around. My roomates (Squirrel, Doc, and Mac) and I have gone through experiences unlike most others. Mom, Dad, and Family thanks for your love and support for the last four years, you're all great. My special love and thanks go to my 'other-half' Anita Brown, tor her love, friendship, and careing. She loved me through my roughest moments and my easiest. Neete, I'll always love you.

P.S. Good luck Dykes and thanks for everything Coach Williams.

DYKES 1978: Glen Jones
1984: Ron Abbitt & Reggie Smith









Gregory David White

"Cafeine Kid, No-Doz"
Manussas, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Corps of Engineers

A.S.C.E., 3, 2, 1; Class Advisory Committee, 3, 2, 1; Il legal Car Club, 3, 2; Civilian 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Waiters, 1; Young Republicans, 1.

As I look back on my four years of "college life" I have often found it very difficult to realize that I went through college the military way. I came here even after my brother told me what I was getting into. I stayed here even after my friends said, "you pay to live like that." I always did think that other than the military, academics and the food it was just great. Is that possible Something drove me to stay here and I'm still not sure what it was. However I know that it was worth it. The pain and struggle made it worth it. However, it was by no means an individual effort but the accomplishment of many who have been associated with me for these past four years. I will be happy to leave here, but I am more grateful that I had the chance to succeed while I was here.

DYKES 1978: Jack Barnhill
1978: Phil Carbo



Jeffrey Reid White

"Wiver, Nose Bleed"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army Corps of Engineers

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Sir Edmond Hillary Club; ASCE Student Chapter; Posit Committee; Concrete Canoe Chairman; Steve Hog Hunting Club

It all started August 17, 1977. We were all condemned to VMI for 4 long and antagonizing years. We all had set certain goals, and have since traveled down many different paths to reach them. I left the love and security of my family and friends at home, only to find new friends and most of all, a new family. Grace, Bunk, and the rest of the Hostetter family, I love you all and will never forget the things you have done for me. Butch, John, Sammy, Ray, Wymer, Smitty, Pup, Jody--you have made VMI a real college to me. We never failed to make the most of a night at VMI, and I hope we will continue to make the most of our lives for as long as we live. Mom and Dad, Thank you for making it all possible. I love you.

DYKES 1978: Chip Decarli
1984: Scott Narmour (Nose Bleed Jr.)
John Mays (Casper)



Richard Peyton Wiggs Jr.

"Dick, Tom, Worm, Wigglet, Rich, Shark, Richard."
Newport News, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Airforce-Engineer

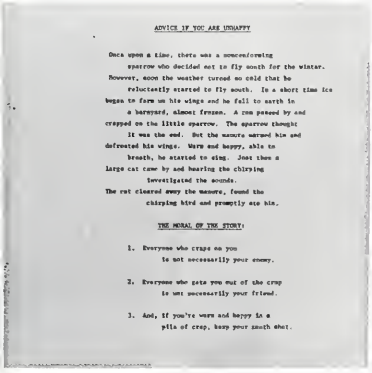
Cadet paper (Photography), 3; Acedemic Probation, 3, 2, 1; "Father of Wiggin Mathematics", 2; Summer School, 3, 2, 1; Head Stoopy-Summer 1980.

When Dicky arrived on that bleak August day, he knew he was in for trouble. For some reason he was twice as noticeable as anyone else!

His double identity problem never quite left him during his years here-but those who know him have learned to tell Dicky apart. Always ready with a quick reply to any problem and a smile that is unrelenting, we managed to stay roomates for 3 years- and hopefully friends forever.

There are many thanks to be made. First to my family for the support throughout the years of worrying. To Bob Sievert for being one of my best friends (you look like the guy in mad magazine). Liza (the girl who would sit there and listen to me no matter what I said). You have another semester of putting up with me and my mouth at the football games. Mr. and Mrs. Instminger you've made me feel at home in your house, Thanks. It was all worth the trouble.

DYKES 1978: Gary Braswell
1984: Jim Loudermilk



ADVICE IF YOU ARE UNHAPPY

Once upon a time, there was a nonconforming sparrow who decided not to fly south for the winter. However, once the weather turned so cold that he reluctantly started to fly south. In a short time ice began to form on his wings and he fell to earth in a barnyard, almost frozen. A cow passed by and crapped on the little sparrow. The sparrow thought it was the end. But the manure warmed him and defrosted his wings. Warm and happy, able to breath, he started to sing. Just then a large cat came by and hearing the chirping investigated the sounds. The rat cleared away the manure, found the chirping bird and promptly ate him.

THE MORAL OF THE STORY:

1. Everyone who craps on you is not necessarily your enemy.

2. Everyone who gets you out of the crap is not necessarily your friend.

3. And, if you're warm and happy in a pile of crap, keep your mouth shut.







Thomas Kent Wiggs

"Hippie, Wiggi, Shark"
Newport News, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Air Force-Missiles

"Cadet" Photographer 3; IEEE 2, 1; PVT. 4, 3, 2, 1; CPL 3

I came here, to the mother "I", for one reason, to obtain an electrical engineering degree. I had talked to my dyke before coming here and knew just what to expect.

The first 3 years went by extremely slowly, but the last year, the first class year, went by quickly. My grades during the first year and a half weren't good to say the least, then they started to improve. I even made the Dean's List the first semester of my second class year.

The years here have been good and good for me. I've enjoyed it all and have some friends that I'll never forget. The class of 1981 has gone through alot together and I hope we can stay together.

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Deb, it would have been hard without you.

Good luck Carl!!!

DYKES 1978: Gary Braswell
1984: Carl Spielman



Elliot Turner Williams, III

"Elmo, E-Wally, Esweo, Eweo, Lips, Emo."
Nashville, Tennessee
History- Army- Transportation

Swimming 4; Water Polo 4; IRC 2, 1; AUSA 4; Firefighters 2, 1; Treasurer VMI Explorers Post 2, 1; Maury 1; 12oz. weight lifting team 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Window Punching Society 3; Capt. King Fan Club 2, 1.

Well, what can one say about the Big "I". I both love and hate it with a passion. I'm ready to get the hell out of the place, but I know I'll be as sorry as hell the day I leave. Looking back at VMI after I graduate, I know I'll remember the good times- the trowling battles we has as Rats, the partying of third and second class years, and runnin the Ratline as firsts. More importantly, I'll remember how lucky I was to chose this school, (knowing so little about it) and being able to make so many close friends while I was here.

Thank you Mom for the support. If it had not been for you, I might never have gone to college.

Finally, good luck to all my BR's. It was a wild four years.

E.T.W. III

DYKES 1978: Mike Wright, Geoff Henry
1984: Jeff (Ratman) Morris



John Chauncy Williams III.

"J.C., Smooth, Hercules, Dennis the menace"
Middleburg, Virginia
History-AirForce-missile

Football 4, 3; (all-Patchin) Karate 3, 2; Museum assistant 2, 1; Motley's Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; SEA FAN Club 1

John C. Williams came to VMI seeking the basic goals every prospective cadet yearns for such as academic excellence, athletics and social life etc. These goals were quickly amended as he found he could excell most easily in the last category and the number of wamen demanding his affections grew. Fortunately for everyone at VMI, John places a previum on friendship and for this we especially, are to be eternally greatful. His ability to foster and maintain unwaiving friendships is only eclipsed by his nack for "getting the girl". I would just like to end with, "good luck in everything you do, everywhere you go, and always keep in touch. True friends like yourself are lost at a great price to those who know them. C.H.S.

Many thanks to my family for their understanding and support. Thank you Mark, Meade, Eddie B., Charles, and Cuddles for everything. Motts, Mr. "e", WFB III, and Adams were invaluable, and I appreciate all of you who have made these last 4 years worthwhile-JCW

DYKES 1978: Mark "cool" Lambert
1984: Warren L. Winning, Thomas W. Motley









John Noel Williams

"Noodle, Embassy Marine, Lee Iacocca
North East Maryland
English United States Marine Corp-Infantry

Cadre 2; Firefighter 3, 2, 1; S-5 Escprt; Institute; Treasure English Society; Sec. Treas. Pre-law Society; Marine Detachment; Pub. Board; Managing Editor **Bomb;** Corporal; Sergeant; Lieutenant.

It is no doubt true when Noel decided to become a leatherneck, a cold shiver touched the soul of a little known Iranian imam. Constant striving and consistent achievement have marked his tour at the institute Never one to shirk a difficult task, he accepts it and then proceeds to accomplish it beyond anyone's expectations. But Noodle's success in his duties is matched by his success in his social life. No one ever seems to look as elegant in his clothes as this living embodimemt of **Esquire's** "Back to College" issue. As if this is not enough, when accompanied by his special lady, Beth, this future Embassy Marine causes many a cadet's heat to turn in wistful envy. Noel's ability and personal commitment to excellence will enable him to tackle any obstacle in a bright future.

W.G.L.

I would like to thank my parents and my girlfriend who have made this ordeal considerably easier and given me guideance and peace of mind.

DYKES 1978: Tom Buown
1984: Hearne Moore



Mack Leod Williams Jr.

"Bay Boy, Smack"
Hampton, Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Civilian

Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji Club 4, 1; IEEE 2, 1

Basically, one would have to attend VMI in order to fully understand its prime objective. It is said that the "I" is a hole which, in some instances, is an understatement. However, this is not the time to cut on the "I", instead it's the time to sum up my true feelings. Now that I'm about to graduate from the "I", I realize how it has effected my life with each passing day bringing a new and different challenge which was met with conquest. However, I was not a lone conqueror, and I'd like to thank those people who stood with me during my four year stay at VMI. Special thanks to Mom and Dad, sisters and brothers, who showed strong love, support and patience for a long four years, and thank you roomies, Squirrel, Wash and Doc. for an unforgettable four years, and I thank you too Coach Williams.

DYKES 1978: Anthony Moore "Amo"
1984: Neville Anderson "Bug"



Terrell Ray Williams

"Cuban Refugee"
United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
History-Army-Field Artillery

AUSA 4, 1; Fire Fighters 1; Scuba Club 2, 1; Sport Parachute Club 1; Cadet Battery 1; Room Wrestling 4, 1; Civilian 3, 2½

Terrell came to the "I" on that memorable day in August of 1977 not knowing what to expect from "Mother I". Medical and personal problems at home made him ask the question "YMI at VMI?" His answer was to head South along I-81 till he reached Virginia's other Institute in Blacksburg. After a year of that other place he again packed his bags and got his ticket (a bottle of gasoline) and flew to U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In Cuba he spent his time working, diving, and visiting the other Islands in the area. When he grew tired of the Pina Coladas, warm weather, and the hospitality of Uncle Castro, he and a few of his friends got a boat or two and headed North to "Los Estados Unidos" and Lexington.

I would like to thank all those BRs who helped me make the transition back to a VMI Cadet and a BR possible. I want to thank Paul, John, Disco, Fat George, the Wiggs, Doug, and Bob who helped me greatly. Again I thank you all.

DYKES: 1978: Andrew "Drew" Faulconer
1984: Mark "14 letters" Krajewski









Charles Henry Wilson

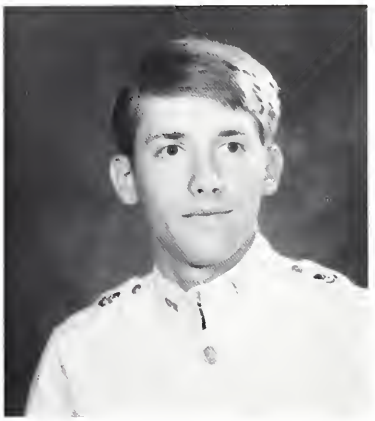
"Chuck, Charlie, Harry"
Portsmouth, Va.
Civil Engineering-Air Force

Rugby 4, 2, 1; Timmon's Music Society 4; ASCE Member 2, 1; O.G.A. Representative 1; Maniac 4, 3, 2; Happy 1

Writing for your best friend is not as easy as I thought it would be. Looking back it seems as though I've known Charles and his family for many years, but actually we did not meet until Third class year. While not to be confused with the classic military prototype. Charles was an exemplary cadet in many respects. His willingness to "stick uo" for a fellow cadet, as well as his selfishness and persistence, made him a logical choice for the O.G.A. First class year. Charles will be remembered by many for his loyalty and dependability, but perhaps his most endeering attribute was his ability to have a "Good Time." It has been a priveledge to be his classmate and friend and that bond can only strength over the ensuing years

J.C.W. III

DYKES 1978 CRAIG BODALATY
1984 JOHN LEE NOELL



Gregory Allen Wolven

"Illy, daddy, grey"
Orlando, Florida
E.E.-Navy-civilian

Navy pistol team 3; Tanker platoon 2, 1; (TCO barracks sniper 2, 1; Baldwin raid, 2; Pvt. 4, cpl. 3. sgt, 2, pvt. 1; zoo crew 4, 3, 2, 1; RFYL 3; Navy cruise 4

Here it is folks; VMI's outspoken foe of everything illogical, hypocritical and socially unaccepable. Armed with long hair, two weird eyes and a quick wit, Greg has persisted through it all--from TA's version of cocaine to a constant diet of air born sarcasm. In the process Greg transtormed into a dedicated civilian and incidentally a superb tanker. (Decks and Hatches, right?!). From beer and cheese-cake at Spanky's to the guest house at Baldwin smiling Greg amused us all with a buoyant personality that all the boards in the Navy could not sink. The tower of margine melted to reveal a man of lofty ideals and an amazing ability to spend every weekend at Baldwin. Greg's independence and outspoken enthusiasm gifted us with a man of matchless quality. Take care and keep in touch chum, the Vette's waiting! GR

DYKES 1978: Stan Walchock
1984: Martain Krawshuk



Clay C. Wommack

"Claybo, Fishmack"
Suffolk, Virginia
Economics- Army- Armor

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Advertising Manager 1980 *Bomb*, Social Editor 1981 *Bomb*, Varsity tennis 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Social Chairman 2; Hooterville 2; Young Ecnomist 2, 1; S-5 tour guide 3; Baldwin Raider 1.

It is with mixed emotions that I write this my VMI history for hopefully in May I shall be leaving but leaving brings many sorrows. My friendships made here at VMI are ones that will last forever. Thanks Low, Mike, Massie, Bob, Hank and Bruce—you kept me coming back furlough after furlough. Thanks Mom and Dad for everything that you have done for me. You kept me hanging in here most of all. Thanks Betty for being my home away from home in Charlottesville when I needed you. Don't know how you did it Mike, Lou, V-liver, with me. for three years. Couldn't have picked better- hang in there Lou. Thanks for the $20.00 rides in the "Cruiser". Hooterville, Tom Slipek in the tux and shorts singing Korean love songs, Greek with his constant "Trash", Bruce with his constant Smith Hall visits- will be with me forever. Confinement and demerits for me were like the flu, came in epidemics. They let me come back each semester though was it a privilege or did they just want to torture me more? Like to close with the only thing to me that J. M. Keynes said that made sense, "We're all doomed in the long run!" Good luck to all.

DYKES 1978: Ken Blythe
1984: Bubba Byrne









Gary Kimok Won

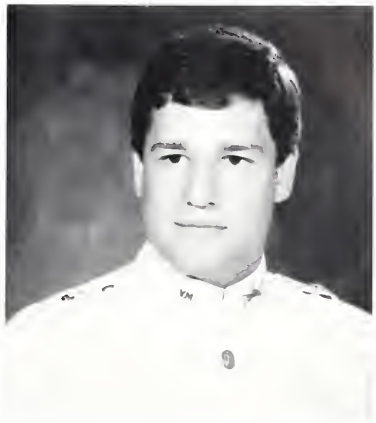
"Kimo"
Alexandria, Virginia
Physics-Air Force-Special

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Chess Club 4; SPS 4, 3, 2, 1; RFYL 3, 2; Handball 1

Who else could snore with the ferocity of a 747? Leaving the big city of DC where wine and women were plentiful, Gary signed with the big "I" on a state cadetship. The quaintness of Lexington was at first hard to take, but Gary adjusted accordingly. Physics began warping his head as he studied till 4 in the morning. But soon relief was to come when wine and women were again his as Disco and 100 pounds of femininty named Jessica entered his life (not to mention the dive in grades). All in all Gary survived.

Kimo- you came here with your innocence, and you're leaving with experiences, like a child and a man - what can I say - but I'll miss you; our friendship was the best.

DYKES 1978: Anthony Moore
1984: Kobert Smolar



Vincent A. Wood III.

"V, Vince"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics, Army-Amor

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Society of Young Economists 2, 1; Rugby Club 4, 3, 2; President 1; Hooterville Town Council 2; The few, the proud, the cadet waiters 3, 2, 1

After 4 years at VMI, I have gained an entirely new outlook of the place, one I will not discuss. The good times and people will never be forgotten, the bad already have. Hooterville, Mary Baldwin, Zollomans and the Rugby trips have provided me with some really great times. I would like to thank everyone at VMI that I have come to know for the great memories, and my parents for making the bad times and the good times great!

DYKES 1978: Harry (Ziggy Stardust) Sicgfried
1984: Mystery Man Poole



Samuel Edward Woolwine, Jr.

"Wine, P.B., Simmy, Fine Wine"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering-Army-Corps of Engineers

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; A.S.C.E. Student Chapter Member; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 1; All Patch in 2, 1; Class Advisory Committee; Concrete Canoe.

Accepting the V.M.I. challenge was one of the biggest decisions I've made. My rat year was over with before I knew it. It was rough but something to be proud of to have made it through. I breezed through my 3rd and 2nd class years and enjoyed a long hard earned 1st class year. I won't say V.M.I. was the most exciting college to have gone to but it's discipline definately helped prepare me for the real world. I know I have gained from attending V.M.I. I will never forget the close friends I came to know at V.M.I. I'd like to thank my parents for everything they did for me. And a special thanks to Kimmy for putting up with everything and hanging in there with me! Also thanks to the C.E. Dept. and Col. Jamison.

DYKES 1978: Ronnie Milligan
1984: Steve Barasamian









Harold Henderson Worrell Jr.

"Hal, Schnu, Super Sub."
Roanoke, Virginia
Economics- Army- Artillery

Football 4, 3; Soccer 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1; DMS 1; Cpl 3.

After spending my high school years in Germany, my arrival at VMI marked a new and unknown period of my life. I found great joy in the fact that my family and Kim were only an hour away. My athletic endeavor during my cadetship provided me with a release from the pressures of the Hill, many close friendships and a way to prove to myself that I could do it. I would like to give thanks to Marge and Bill Austin, Doug, Joe, John, Gary, Bro, and Col. and Mrs. Saul. Above all else I have to dedicate my graduation to my family. Margarethe, Debbie, Monika, Klaus, Mom and Dad. Joe, John, Doug and I would have never made it through without all of those food boxes and peanuts from Mom. I would also like to thank my future wife Kim for keeping my life interesting and eventful. Kim always provided a shoulder to cry on and a smile to brighten my darkest days.

Danke fur aller Familie und Kim. Ich liebe dich immer.

DYKES 1978: Bob Vidrick
1984: Scott Hand



Alexandro Marcellus Wright

"Pasta, Luigi, Nordichi"
Alexandra, Virginia
Economics-Field Artillery

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Young Democrats of America; Number 1 Club; Karate Club 4, 3; VMI Appreciation Club 4, 3, 2, 1

It began as a nightmare, but shall end as a dream. The road was long, with numerous obstacles, but the way is finally paved for me to drive through the arch and depart the Institute forever. Freedom is just around the corner!

I would like to thank my father for his infinite love and support. Mother, I hope you didn't worry too much. I love you both so much! To my family: Linda, Gary, Gina, and Laura: I love you. Col. "Rock" Read, thanks for believing in me.

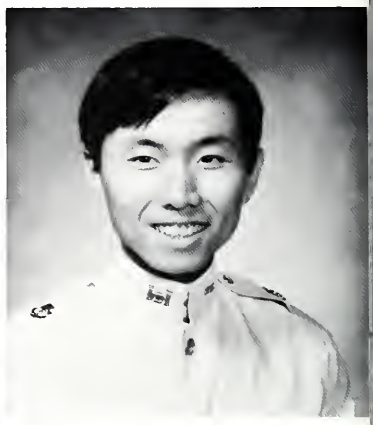
A special thanks to Penny Saville Burch for her loving support. You were an inspiring light in the mist of all this darkness. "I love you now, and I'll love you forever." I wish you happiness! See you around Cubby.

To my roomates and closest friends Jamo and Greg: the times with you will be cherished for the rest of my life. We made it!

In conclusion, the title of a song by C.C. to exemplify my feelings: I'm going to "ride like the wind" to be free again. Bye Bye "I" !!!!!

A.M.W.

DYKES 1978: Thomas English
1984: Nils Weirick



Carl Wu

Manassas, Virginia
EE-Army-Corps of Engineers

SAME 4; Foil Champ 4; VMI Fencing Club 4; IEEE 2, 1; Amature Radio Club 3, 2, 1; SPS 2, 1; Dean's list 2, 1; President of Chinese Culture Club 4, 3, 2, 1

Four years ago I entered a new world called VMI. I was surrounded by a brand new environment. May 16, 1981 seemed to be a century away. Time went by quickly as I became a first classman. Looking back at the past, there have been good times combined with bad. During the four years at the "I", many problems occurred over and over, but I treated them with the attitude of; that life is a learning process where the same lesson will be taught again and again. I believe the same problem from the past are expected to occur, but from my experience at the "I", they will be handled with better judgement. As I leave this place, I will always look back on the attainment of my past goals with a tremendous amount of pride, and towards my future with confidence.

DYKES 1978: Brasso Bob Nelson
1984: Joe McCormick









Stephen Crist Yancey

"Trang"
Waynesboro, Virginia
CE-Army-Engineers

ASCE 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Class Treasured 2, 1; Kangaroo 1; Posit Committee 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Committee 2

I really don't think I could have made it without my parents and my family behind me. Mom was always there to give me encouragement and love. Dad was always there with his love and sometimes a little kick in the rear-end when I needed it. Oh, Dad, I know that the car is worn out from the trip to Lexington, but I think it was worth it. Mom and Dad, thank you both. You were always understanding to all my needs. I couldn't have done it without y'all. Also, thanks to my brother and sister-in-law. They were always there when I needed them. THANKS.

At VMI, you really learn to appreciate the small things in life that most people take for granted. Friendship is one of those things. I've gained many friends through my 4 years here. You guys know who I'm talking about. I just want to thank you all. I really needed your support, THANKS.

DYKES 1978: Bob Longwell
1984: Steve Hiller



James William Yonts Jr.

"Hunts Needlenose"
Marion, Va.
Ce-Army/CE

Cross country 4, 3, 2, 1; Indoor track 4, 3, 2, 1; Out door track 4, 3, 2, 1; SAME 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1

Jimmy came to VMI not really knowing what was in store for him. He wasn't used to the military atmosphere, but adjusted well as his demerit record showed a big "0" at the end of rat year. Cross country kept Jimmy going as he showed everyone how fast a little guy can run. The Citadel trip, 3rd class year will never be forgotten as we guzzled three pitchers of beer after returning from the meet, thus straggling back to barracks. Jimmy has been a dedicated runner and has always given his best in every race. Academically, it was tough for him the first two years, but he has proven to himself that he could make the grades to become a civil engineer. It's been a long 4 years for him, but he's finally made it!! and, of course how could I leave out Kay? A special thanks to Kay as she has stayed with Jimmy all these years, though the good times and the bad times. She's a special girl! There is a lot of love between these two and I wish them the best of luck for the future. MKH

DYKES 1978: Mike Eaton
1984: Dale Williams



Glenn Richard Zaramba

"Z, Zee-ro, Bignose"
Reading, Massachusetts
History-Army-Infantry

Ranger Platoon 4; Tanker Platoon 3, 2, 1 (TC); AUSA 4, 3, 2, 1; Treasurer 1; Orienteering Club 2, 1; RFYL 2; Airborne School 3; VMI Summer School 3, 2; Cadet Assistant 1; Baldwin Raid 2; Rat Training 3; Barracks Sniper 2, 1; First Lieutenant 1; Sergeant 2; 105th Ranking Corporal 3; Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; Fido 1; Ft. Bragg Associate Hero 1

Introducing Z, the VMI Answer to complete "purity." Always proclaiming the dubious fact of his being shy, innocent and a " " at 25." The operative word here is dubious. Z's "overflowing effervessence", active imagination and extensive vocabulary have provided a great source of enjoyment for me and an immense source of confusion for Farns. Somehow Z has survived the numerous submarine rooms and other attempts to defame his inimitable character. He's the biggest character I know! Z is a true friend and a good man to have around in a tight spot. (Green M&M's??) Smile!

GAW

VMI was incredibly satisfying and enjoyable experience. My heartfelt thanks to those who have made it possible. For my family's love and support- I'm forever grateful.

AIRBORNE-ALL THE WAY!!!

DYKES 1978: Mike Moore, Bob Jenvey, Marty Pendleton (77)
1984: Perter Watling







YOU MAY BE WHATEVER YOU RESOLVE TO BE

"STONEWALL" JACKSON



THE NUMBER ONE CLUB



"LOW-RIDER"
Unauthorized woman and booze



"MADMAN"
Overindulgence of fire water



"MAC"
Unauthorized tour of a National Historic District with a female



"MOOSE"
Anti-eloquence to tacs uptown



"SPEED-REED"
Unauthorized cheerleader in hay



"PROMAJII"
Bad-mouthing the zookeeper



"HARRY G."
Pitching practice from Scott Shipp Hall and unauthorized post-taps fun in Stanton



"DUSTY"
Experimenting with everdear fuel substitute



"BUD"
SNI cocktail hour



"BUBBA"
Unhappy happy-hour



"QUIMBY IV"
Drinkin' and transportin'



"BEEF"
Watering West Point



"ANGEL"
Under the influence of spirits and unauthorized flagpole acrobatics



"MUIR"
Too much skull



"ROB"
2-time loser, alcohol in barracks



"CRABMAN"
Entertaining females in barracks



"SOJU"
Victim of a taste for cheap wine



"NORDICHI"
Malicious assault of a Tac with a motor vehicle

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

THE SUPERINTENDENT

LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA
24450

12 January 1981

SUBJECT: Letter of Reprimand

TO: Each Member of the First Class

In the hour preceding BRC, 9 December 1980, a sweat party was held for new cadets by members of the Class of 1981. This activity was conducted in complete disregard of my instructions to your class president. His actions and yours constitute a very grave deed of misconduct.

Respect for authority and responsibility for one's actions are cornerstones of the VMI education. At no time in the Institute's history has a class been authorized to run the Ratline in any fashion but within the regulations and under the authority of the Superintendent. Your conduct on the morning of 9 December demonstrated a gross lack of judgment, maturity and responsibility. You failed to set the proper example for the Corps of Cadets or for those who view you from outside the VMI. Your willful disregard of responsible authority is not in the tradition of first class leadership or anything that the Institute represents or teaches. Your class would not tolerate such behavior on the part of any other subordinate classes.

The Class of 1981 is hereby reprimanded for its poor judgment and lack of responsible leadership which led to the unauthorized activity of 9 December.

This action on my part is not to be considered as an act of leniency. No precedent of leniency for willful disregard of instructions is either inferred or intended. However, the precedent is set and maintained by this decision that the first class is expected to exercise mature judgment and responsible leadership within the Corps of Cadets. As the leaders of the Corps you can delegate authority but not responsibility.

A copy of this letter will be placed in your permanent file. If you did not participate in the activity of 9 December, notify my office and this letter will be withdrawn.

Richard L. Irby
Lieutenant General
Superintendent

Firsts 151

SECOND CLASS



CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

HARRY J. BITZBERGER

HISTORIAN
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VICE-PRESIDENT
JEFFERY A. MODESETT

It seems like only yesterday that our dykes, the Class of 1979, echoed the phrase, "If you ever become a class . . .". At times it often felt like we never would. The Ratline was long and hard, but together we perservered. Finally, on February 21, 1979, we became a class, the Class of 1982, but our journey had only begun.

We entered our third class year with great expectations. these were quickly soured by the pressures of the "Academic Ratline" and the consequences of the "Mutinous Inserrection." But together we pushed on as we began to count the days until Ring Figure.

We began our second class year with one day in mind, November 21. The class became more unified as we waited out the many days that lay between us and our Ring Figure. Finally it came, one of the greatest weekends of our lives, but just as quickly it was gone. With only the memories, we returned to the realities of V.M.I. .

Ahead lies our first class year and a much greater challenge. It is up to us to mold a group of high school graduates into a class that will be prepared to carry on the traditions of the Institute. We have many valuable experiences behind us, and together the Class of 1982 is ready to accept the responsibility of continuing the Institutes traditions of integrity, brotherhood and honor.



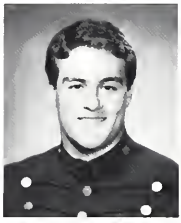
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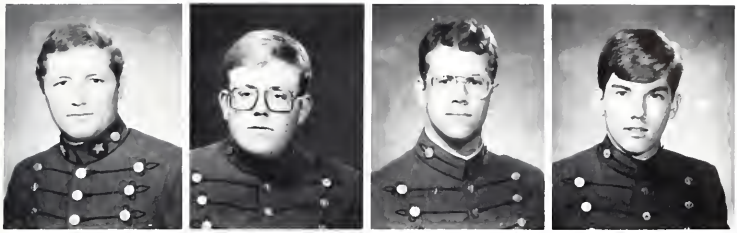

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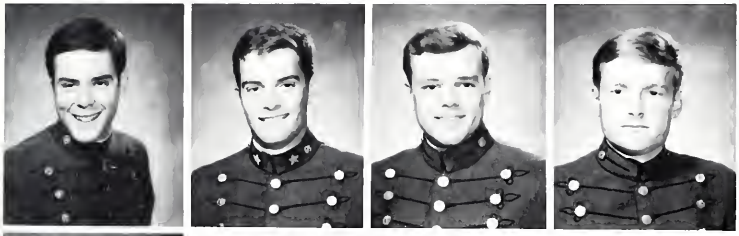
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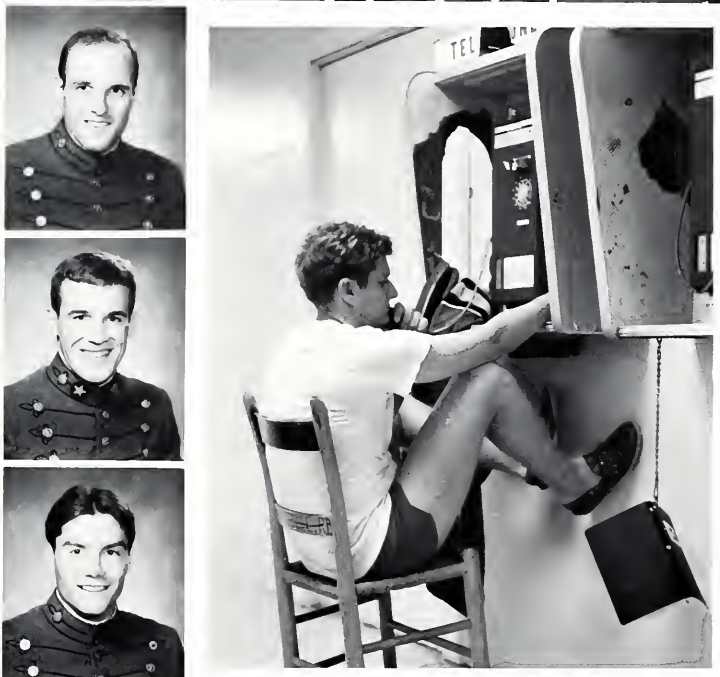


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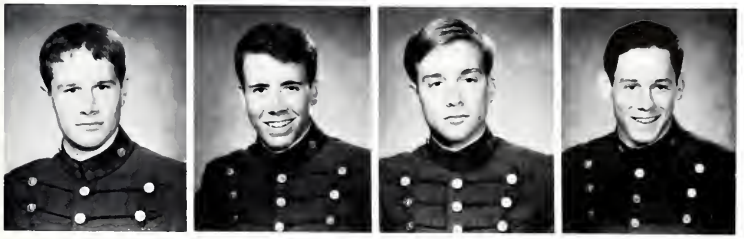
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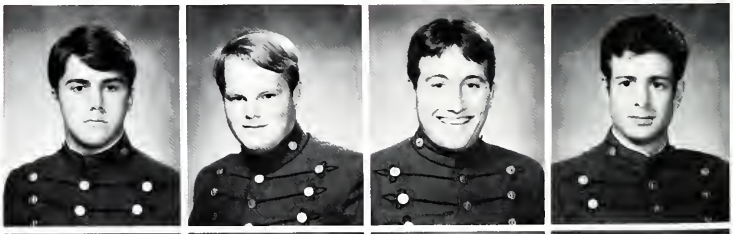




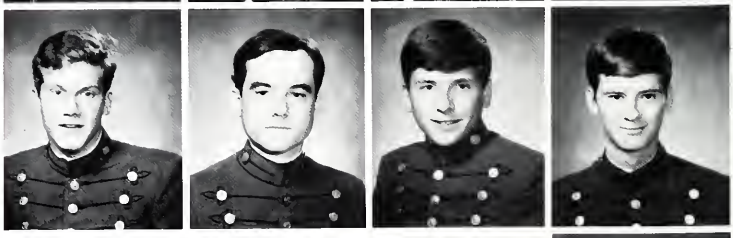
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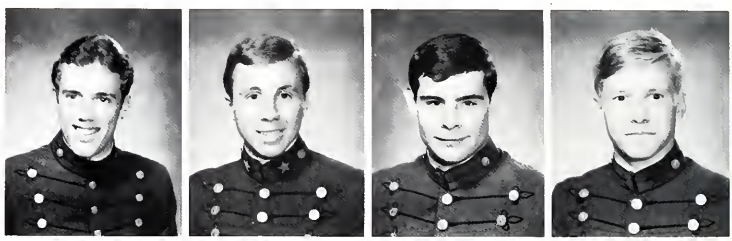


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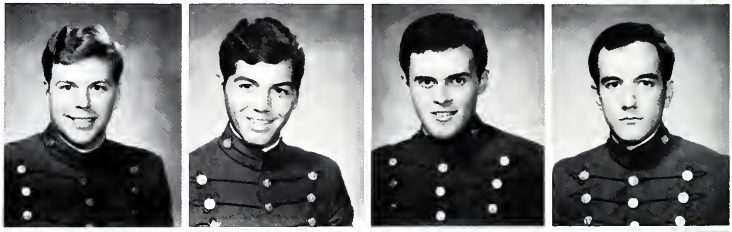


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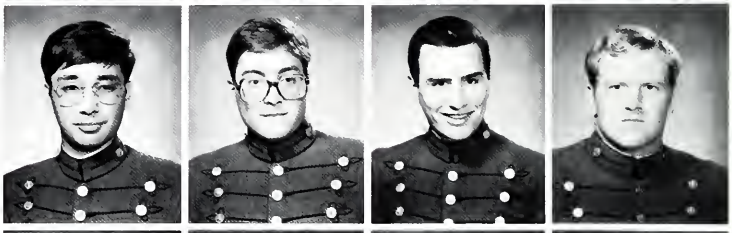
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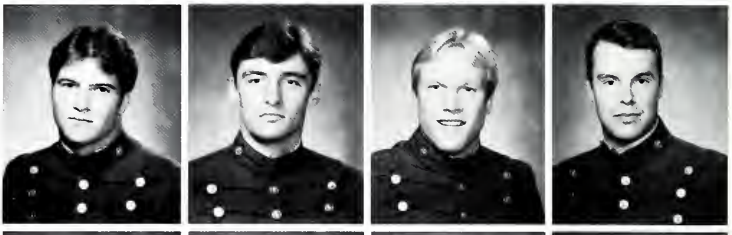
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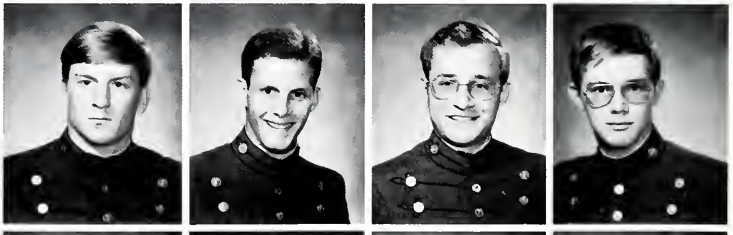
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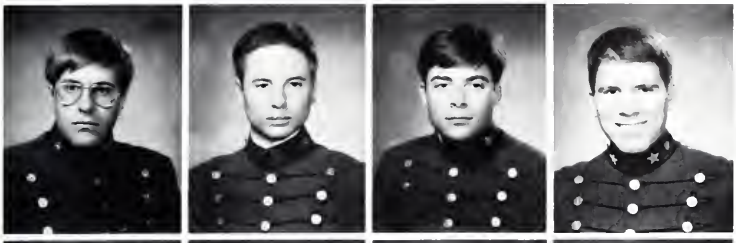


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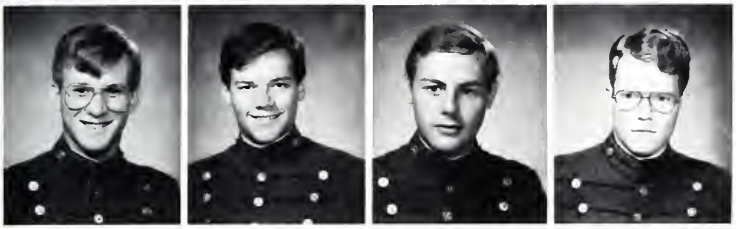


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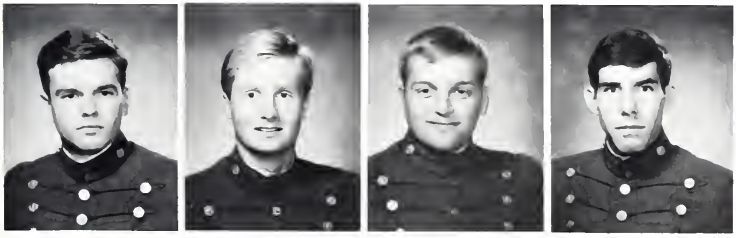


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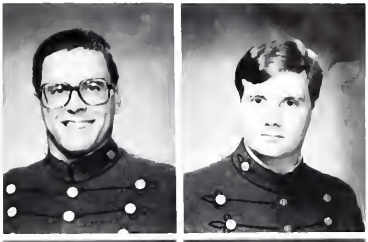



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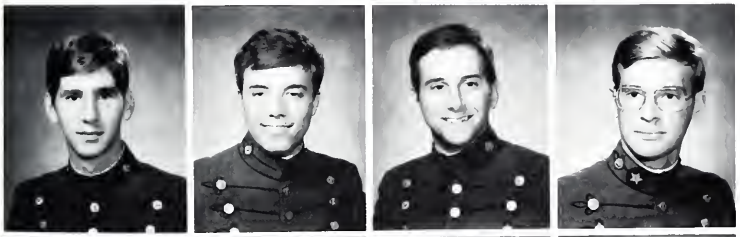


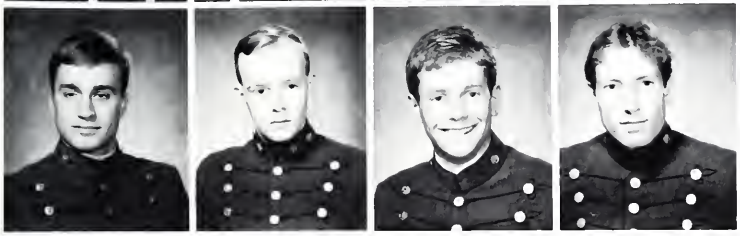
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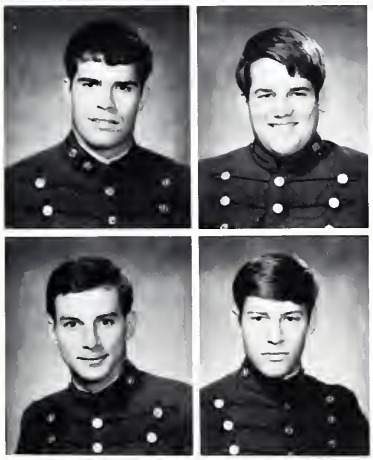
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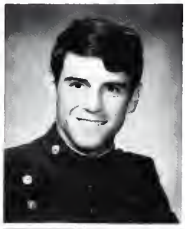



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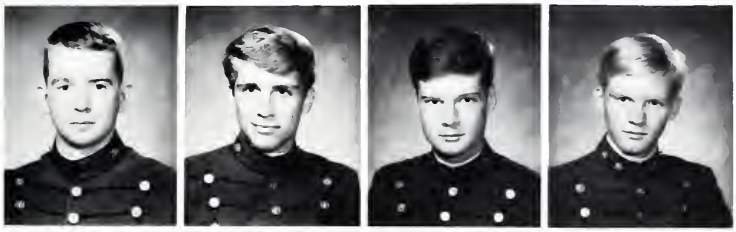
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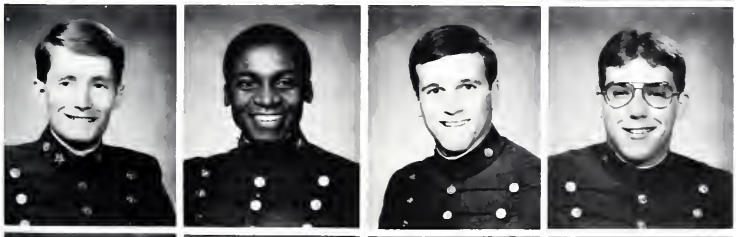
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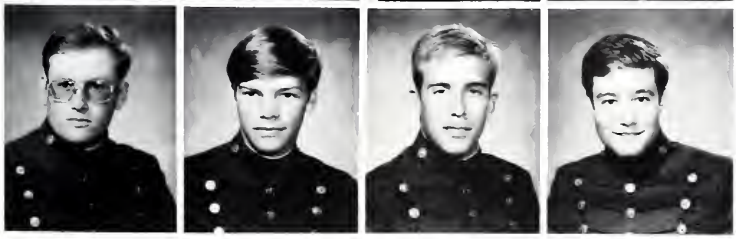
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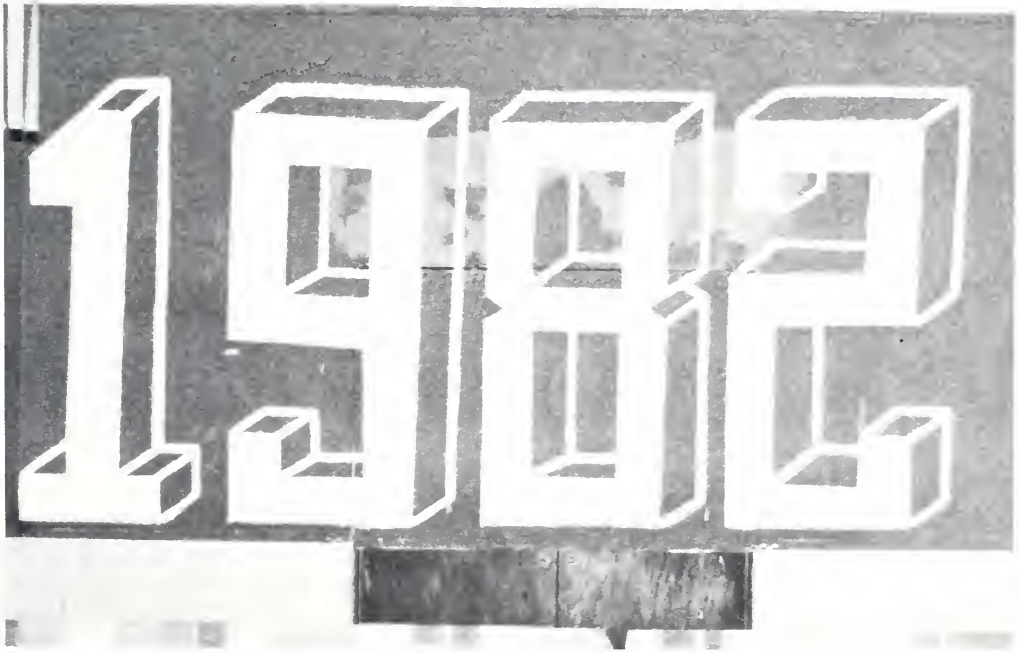




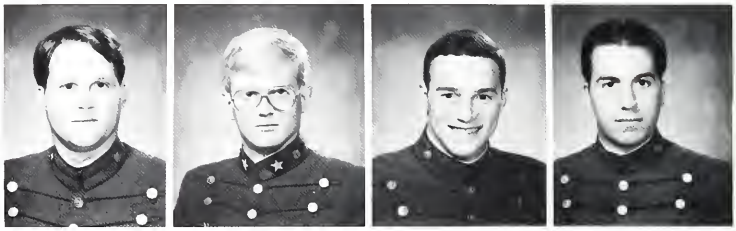







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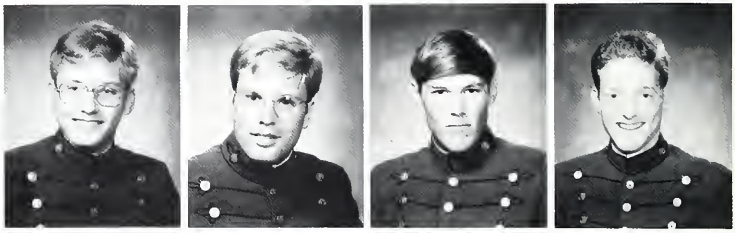


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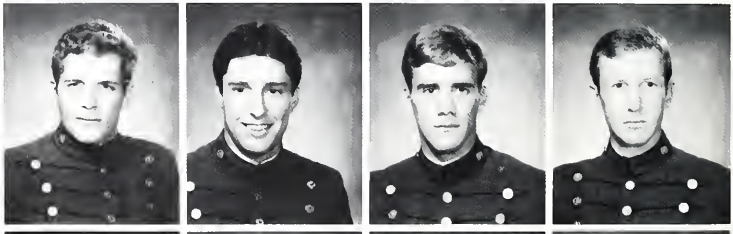
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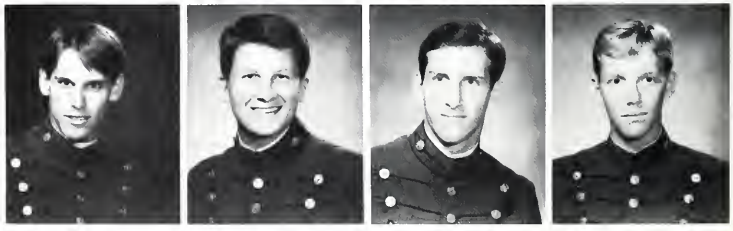
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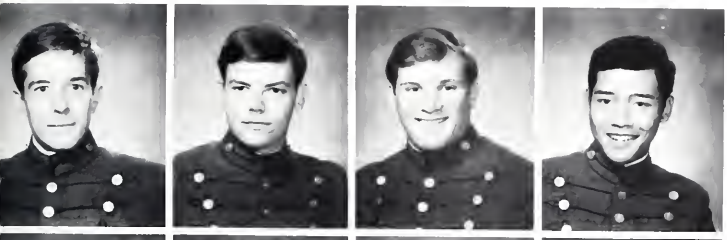


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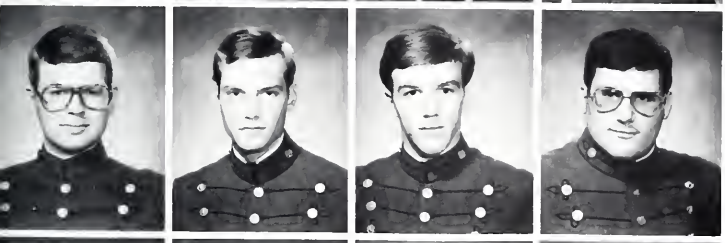


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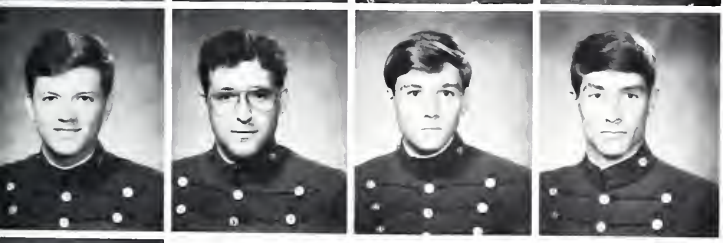




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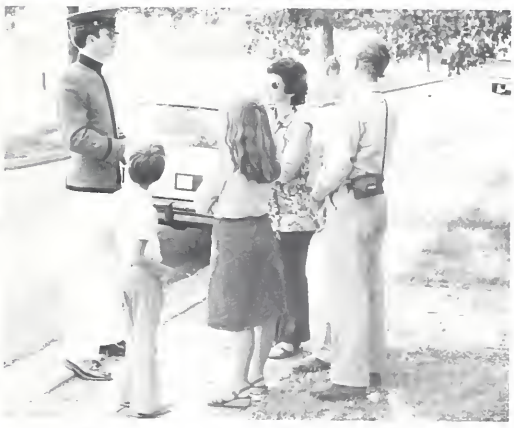
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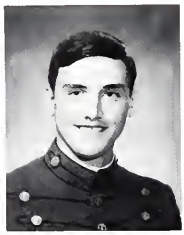
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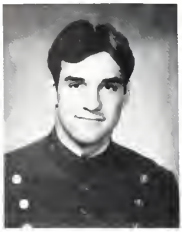





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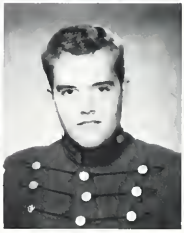


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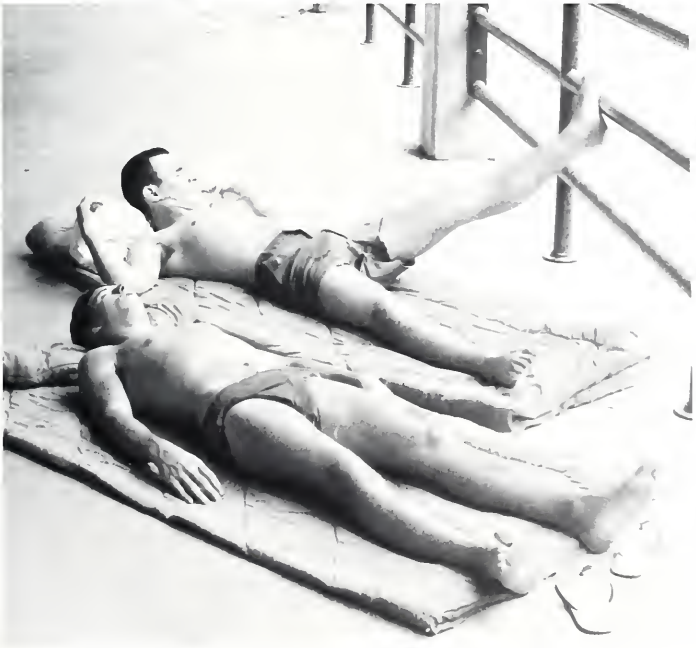





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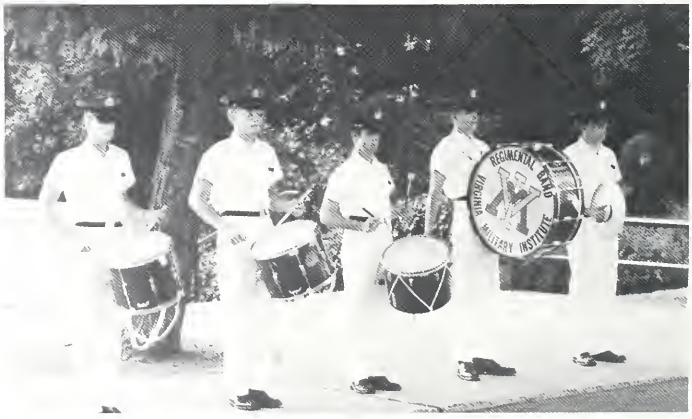
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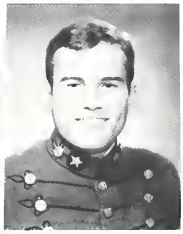






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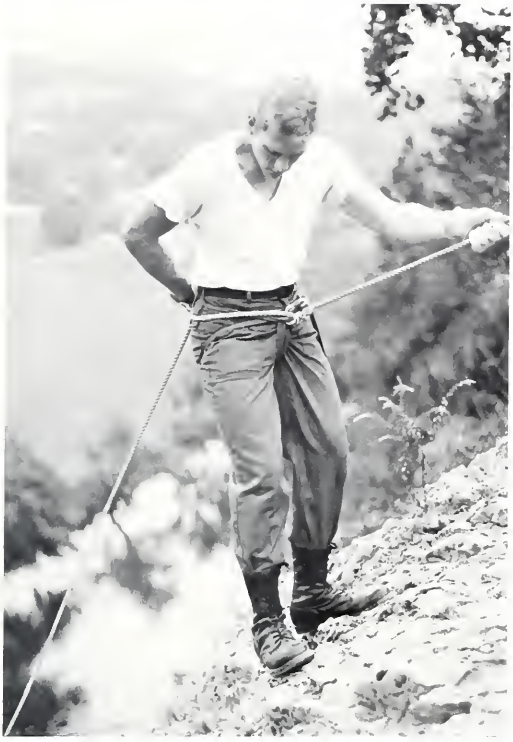


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August 23, 1979-from across the country and around the world, there arrived at VMI a mass of young men so diverse as to have only one thing in common with each other: that is that whatever lay ahead, good or bad, we were destined to endure it together. And indeed we did! We endured the sweat parties in the main sinks — the final class to pay such homage to this sub-terrainian tradition. We endured the 400 man, 4th stoop meeting of the R.D.C., presided over via intercom by the iron-willed "Tuck" Masker. We endured the 12-mile "March or Die." We endured the hardships of Breakout, and after two hours of continuous assault, in one fleeting moment we took OUR stoop, became a class, and once and for all, shed the shackles of the Ratline. We had endured!

> . . . not in the path of ease and comfort but in the spur of difficulties and challenge, here . . . (we) learned to stand up in the storm; here . . . (we) learned compassion for those who fell.

When we returned in August, 1980, we took heed of our losses, but resolved to close our ranks, and press forward towards the many goals before us. With a stripe on our sleeve, and a patch - a shield of pride - on our breast, we withstood the pressures of academia, and have become resolute in our convictions to maintain the highest ideals and the noblest traditions — the Spirit of the Virginia Military Institute.

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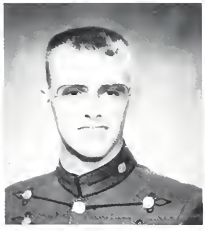
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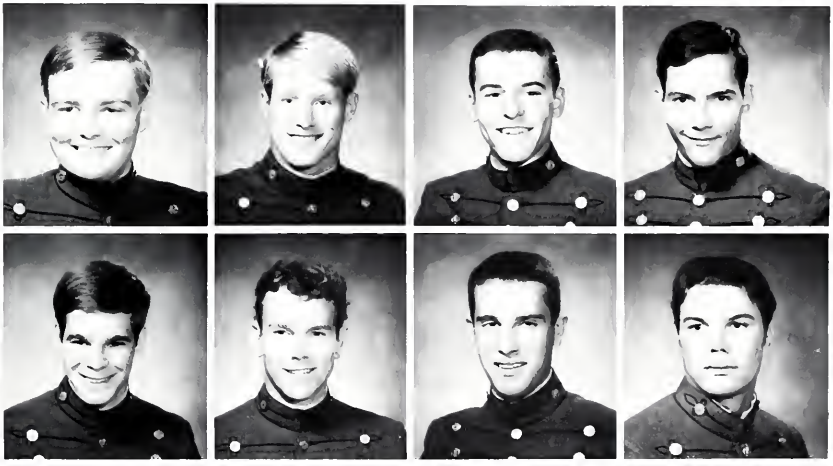
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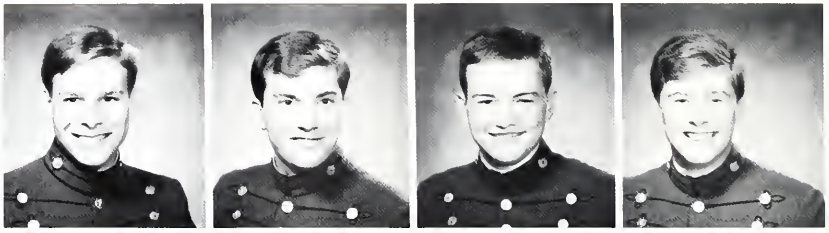
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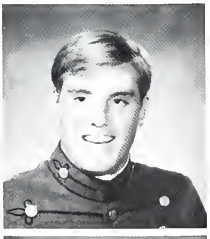
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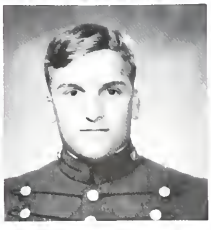
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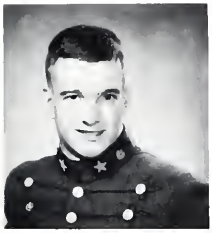
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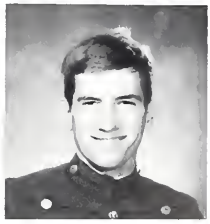
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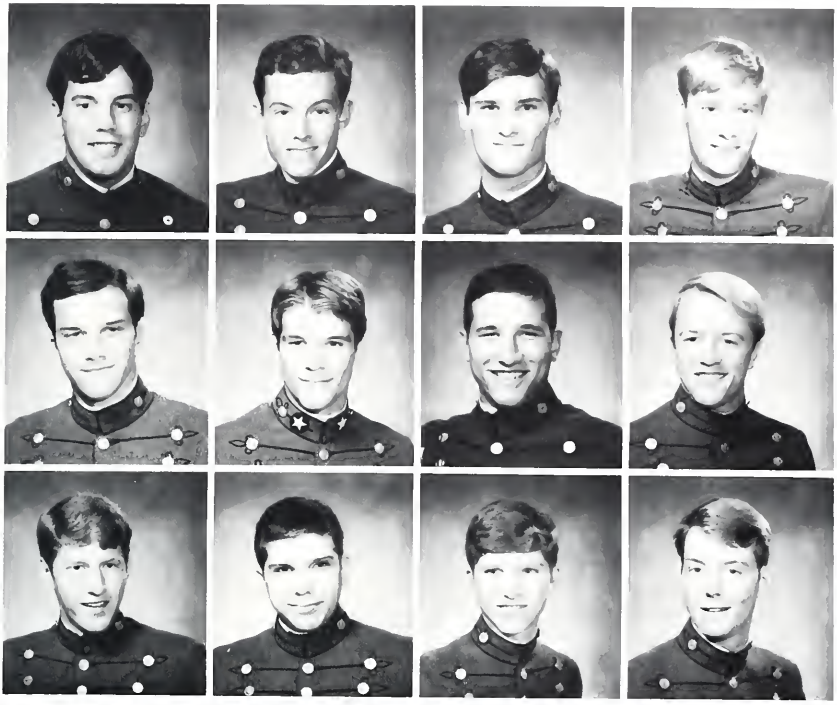
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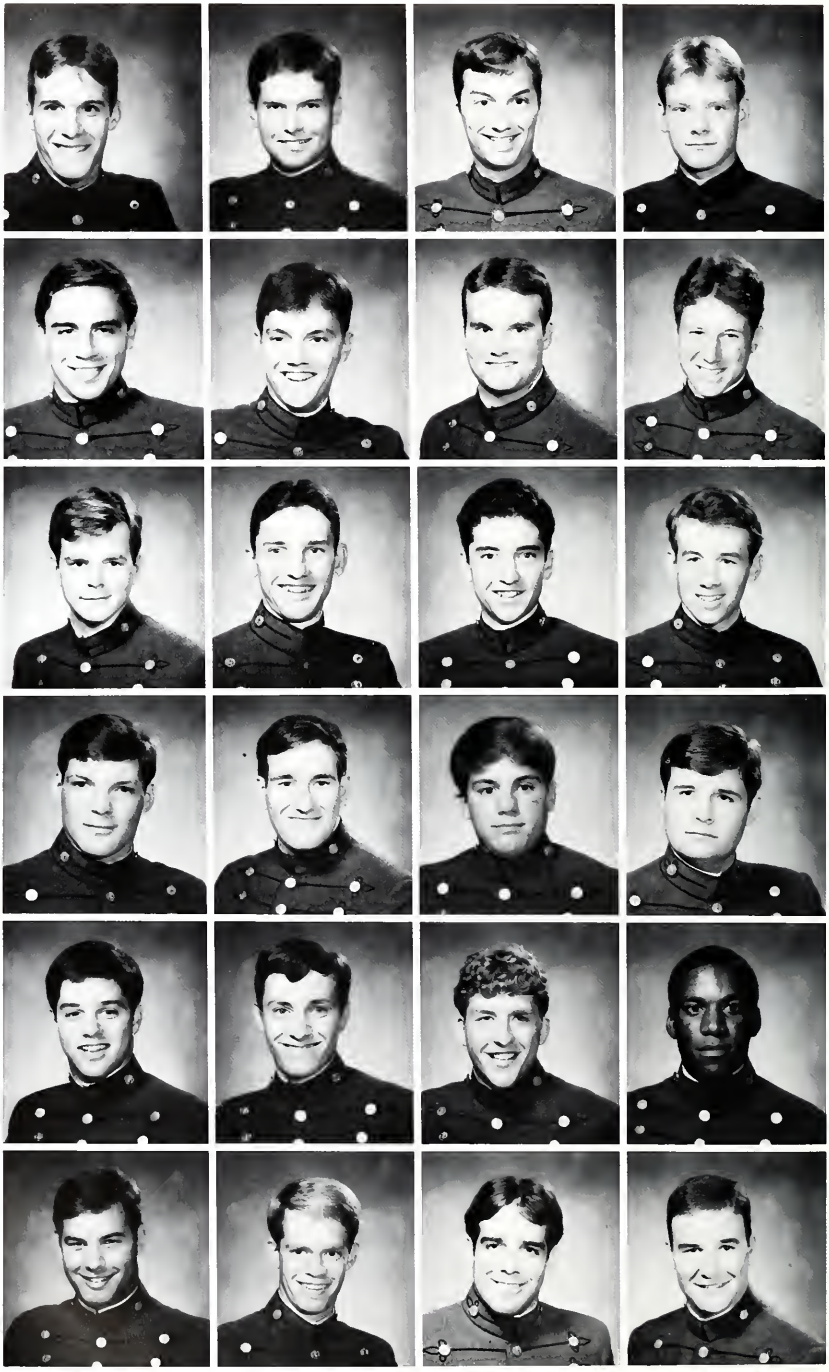
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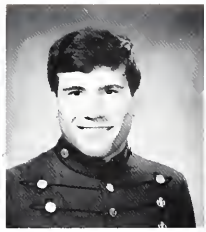
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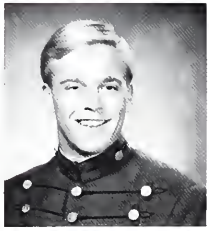








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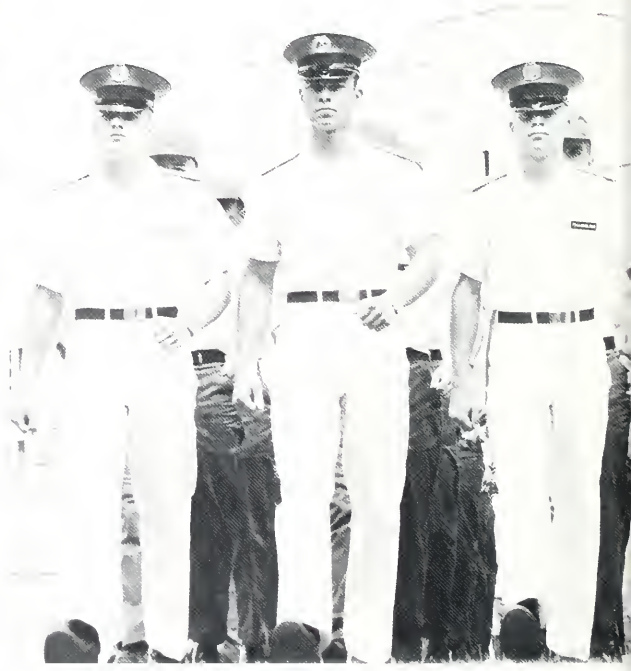


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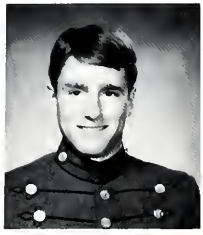
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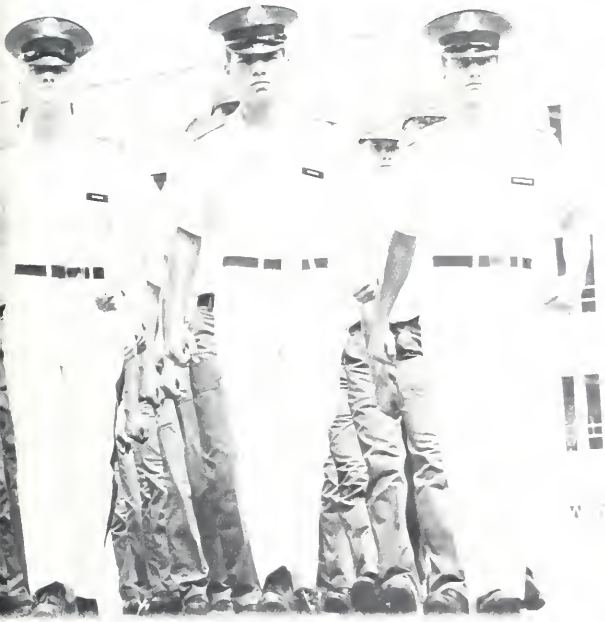
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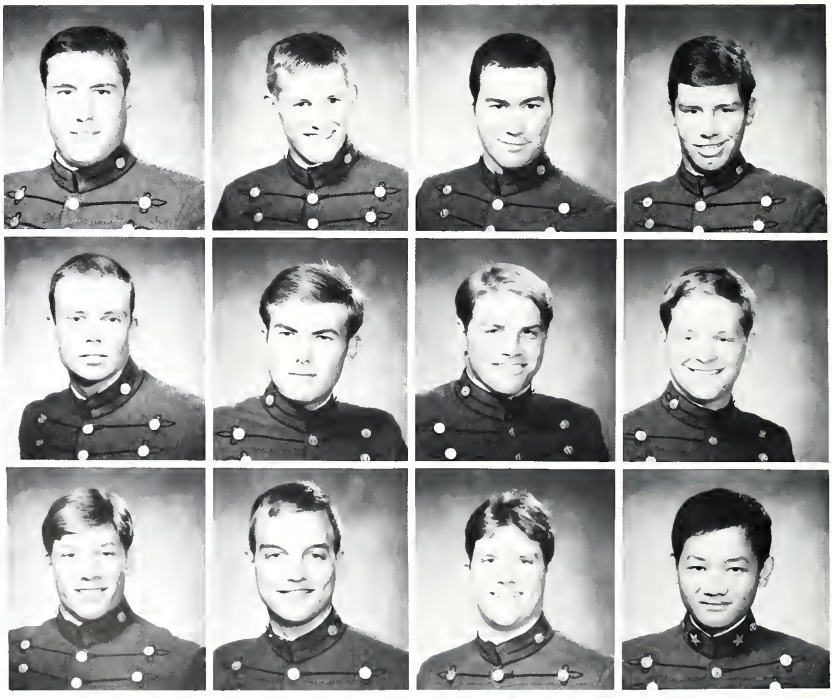
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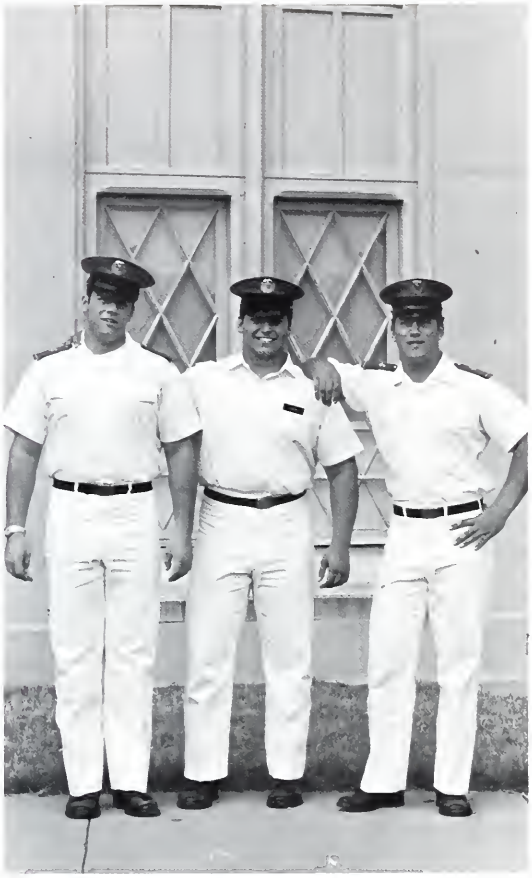
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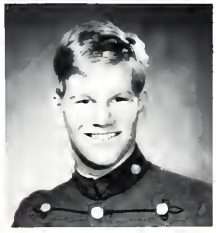
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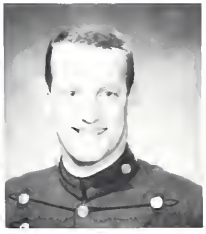


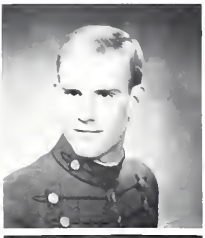
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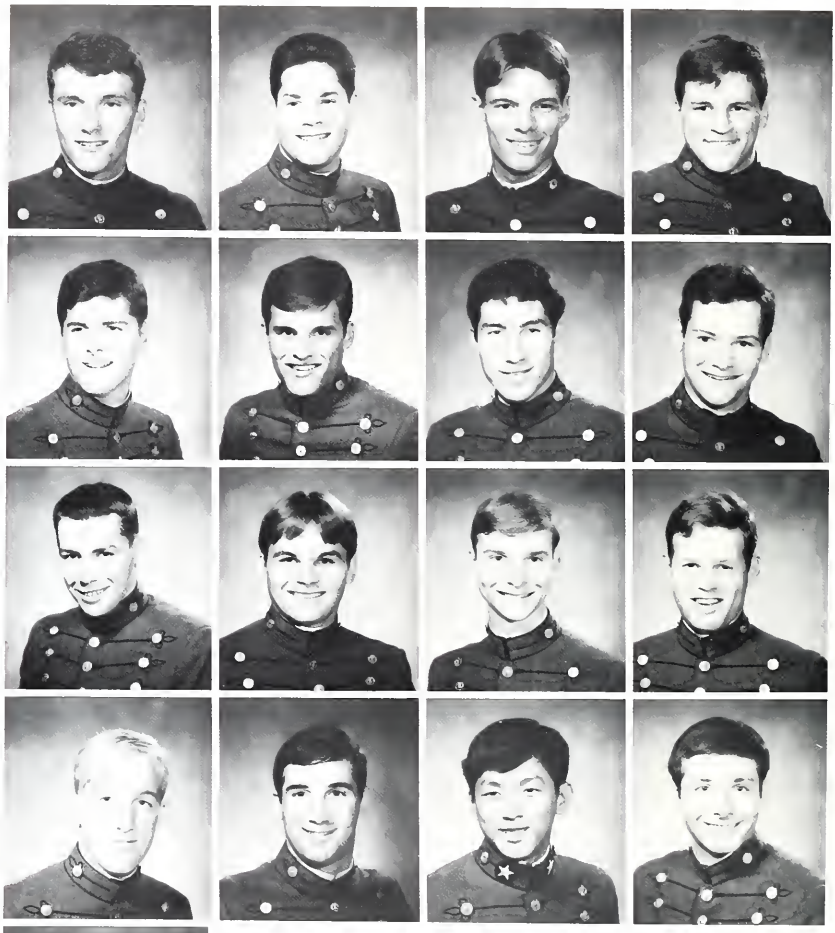
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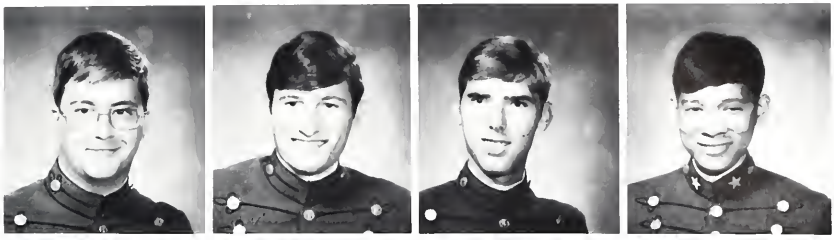
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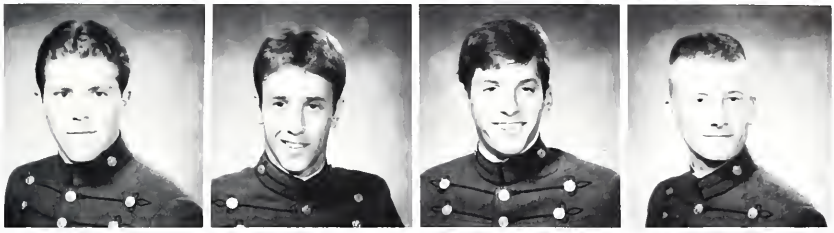


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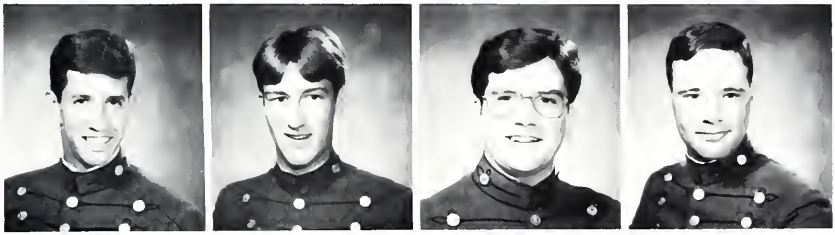


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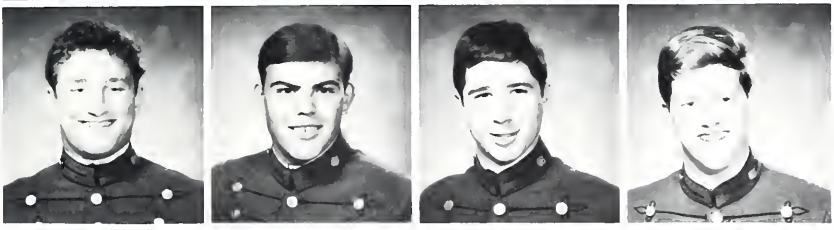


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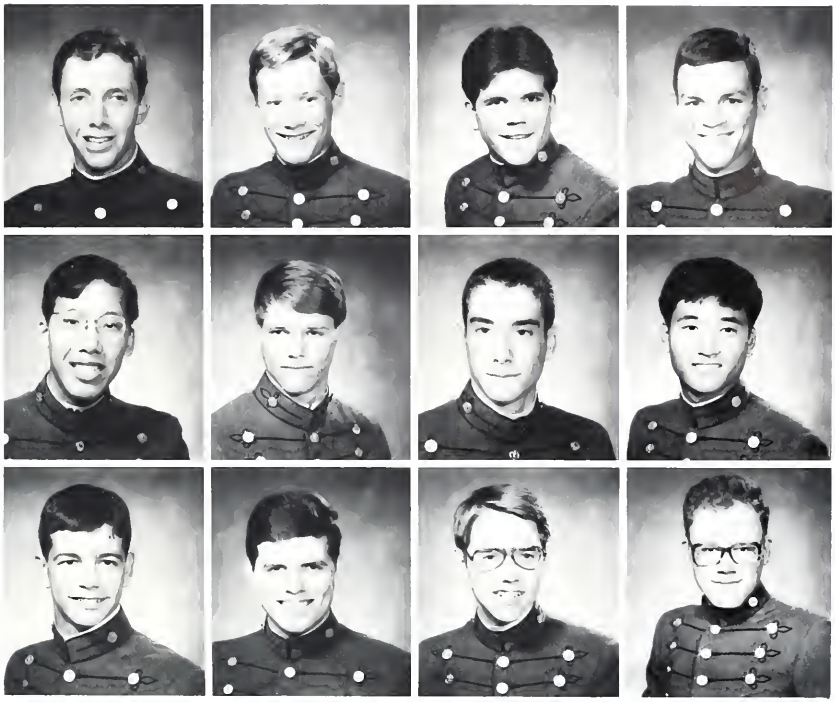
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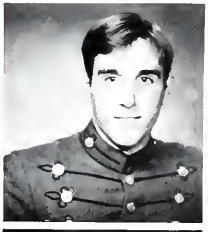




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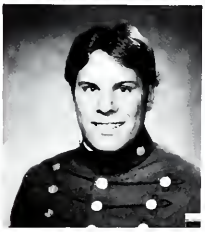


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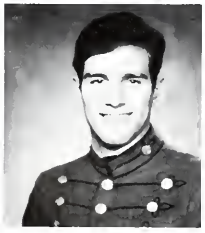
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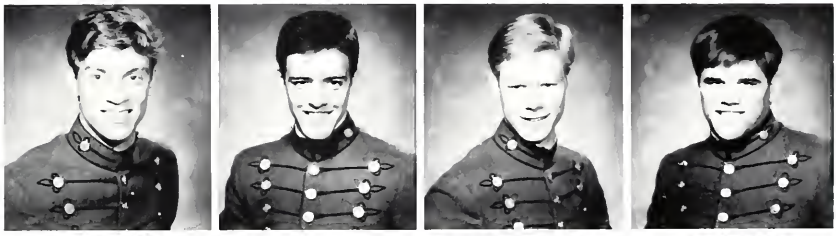


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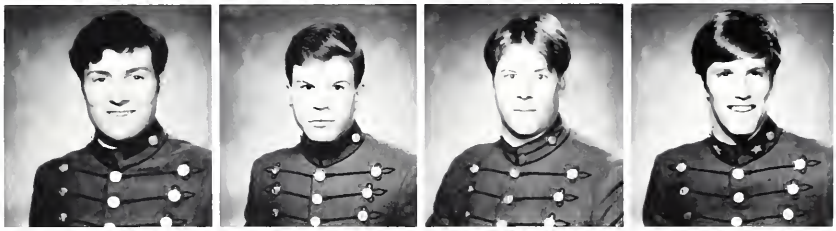


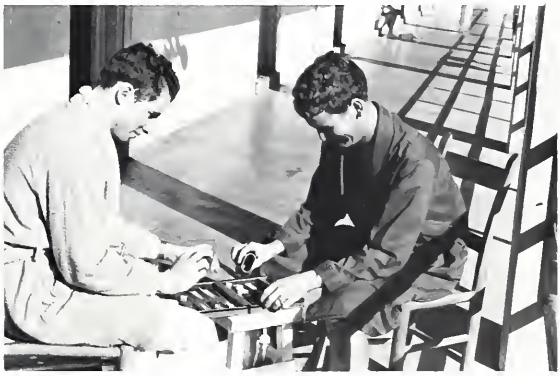
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Virginia Military Institute
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23 Feb., 1983

Subject: Permit for Class of '83 Birthday party
To: The Commandant

1. Permission is requested for the Third class to hold a class party on Friday, 27 Feb. from 2000 hours to 0100 hours at the Royal Hoots Motel, for the purpose of celebrating the first birthday of the class of 1983.
2. It has been the case in the past that when the third classes have remained in barracks on the night of their first birthday, there was in most every case excessive noise, disturbances, and in some instances, destruction of Institute property. For these reasons, the Class of 1983 would prefer to have a planned and organized celebration that would insure that every third classmen was off post on the night of its birthday, 27 February.
3. This party will not be used as a fund raiser; it will be closed to everyone except members of the Class of 1983 and their dates and/or female guests. The members of the class will make donations, however

Thomas E. Gottwald
President Class '83

Charles M. A. Peters
Vice-President Class '83

Robert S. McGehee
Historian Class '83

Lt. Col. O. Raethmiller
Advisor of the Class '83

'Twas the night of our
birthday,
Our first one thus far:
Emotions were building,
Having come so far.

The permit submitted,
Indeed with great care;
In hope of approval,
Of "THE AFFAIR."

We gathered our pennies,
And bought all the beer;
Drunkeness, we knew,
Would soon be here.

Our dreams had been shattered,
With the slash of a pen:
"THE PALACE" said NO,
We've been rooted again.





The intended location,
Was then changed to be:

Not out in town,
For everyone to see.



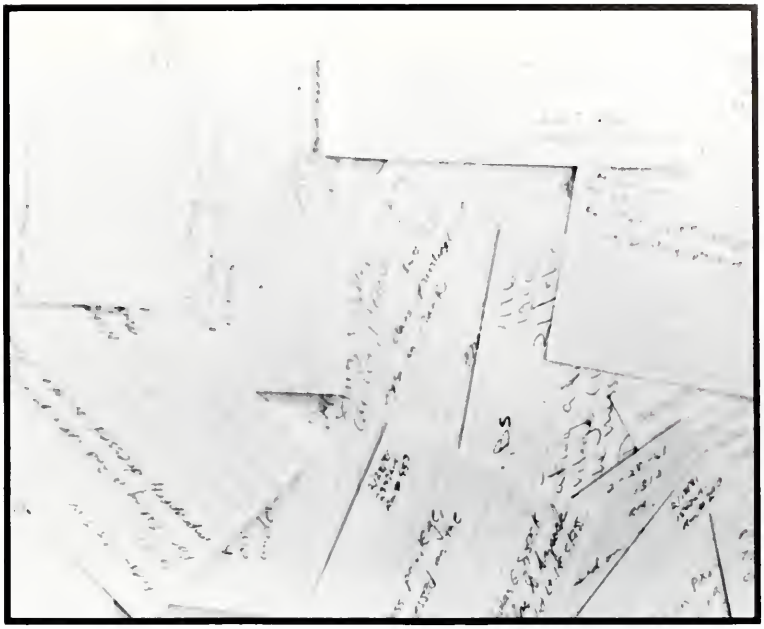
The scheming was done,
by lamplight with care:





And blown out of proportion,
Before daybreak was there.

By the next morning,
The sh- - hit the fan:
Cards were flying,
From evey first's hand





In a short time,
The feelings had changed:
The fury subsided,
A solution arranged.

Still Marshall stands tall,
Majestic and proud:
Our respect is undaunted,
Forever endowed.

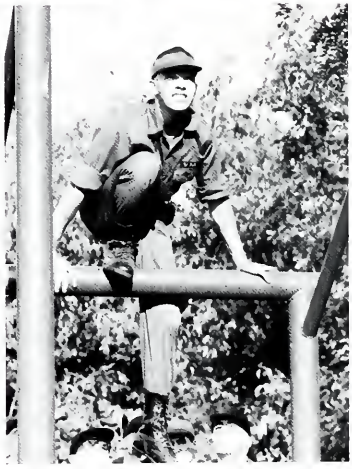


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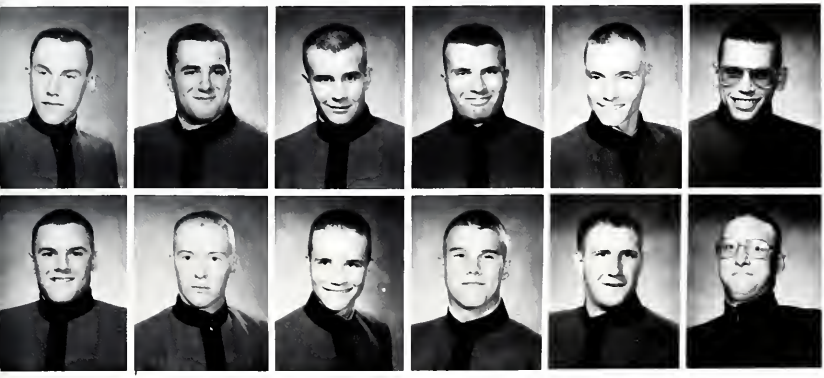
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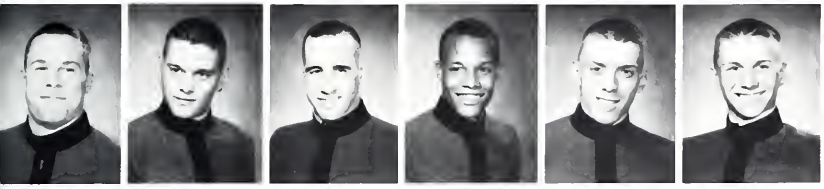
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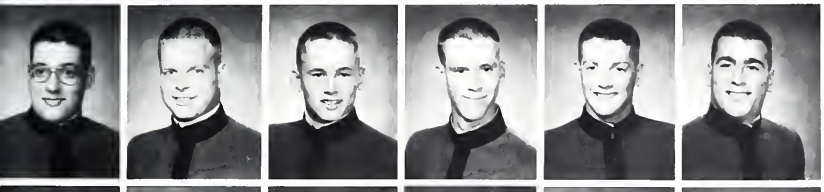
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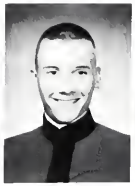
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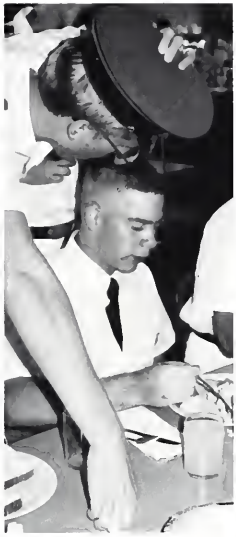
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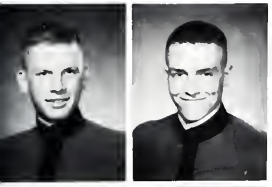




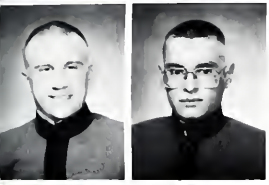


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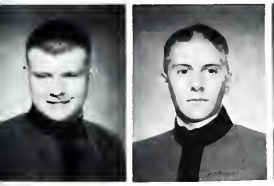

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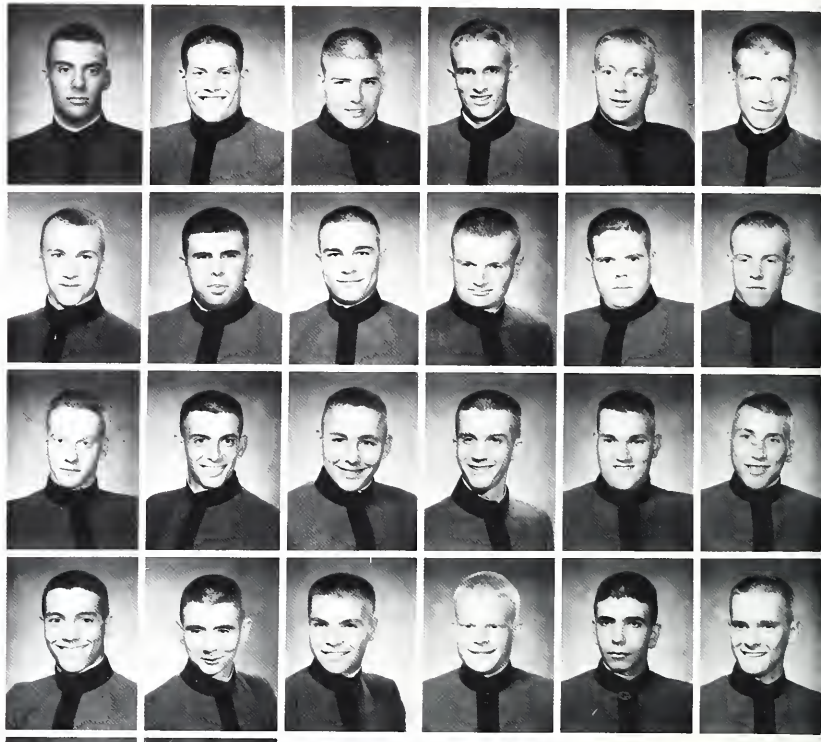

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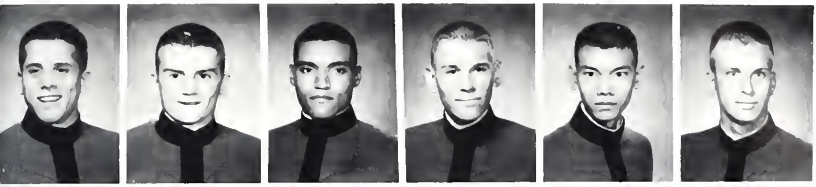
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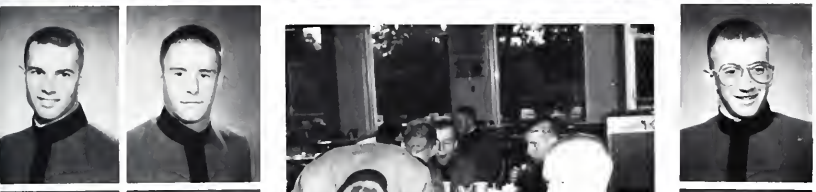








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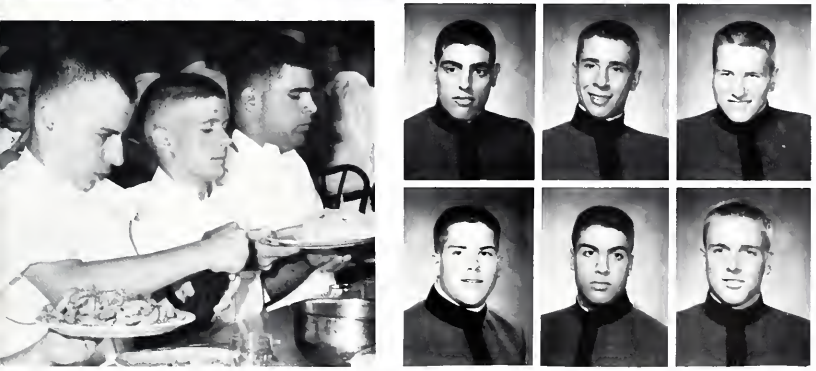
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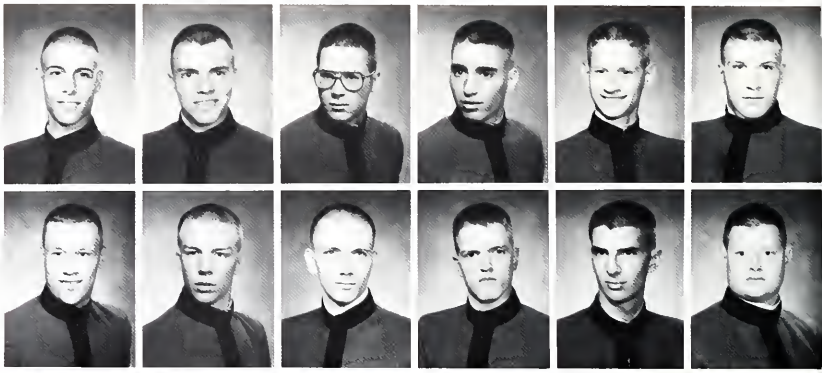
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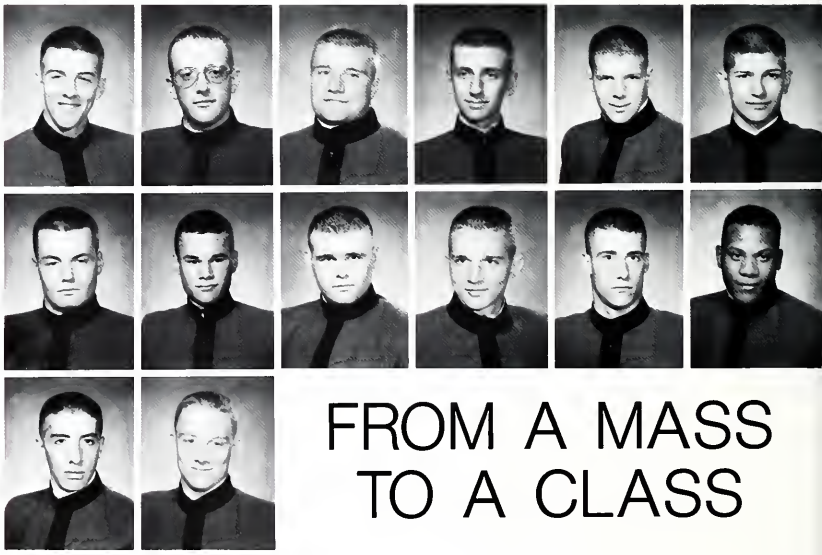
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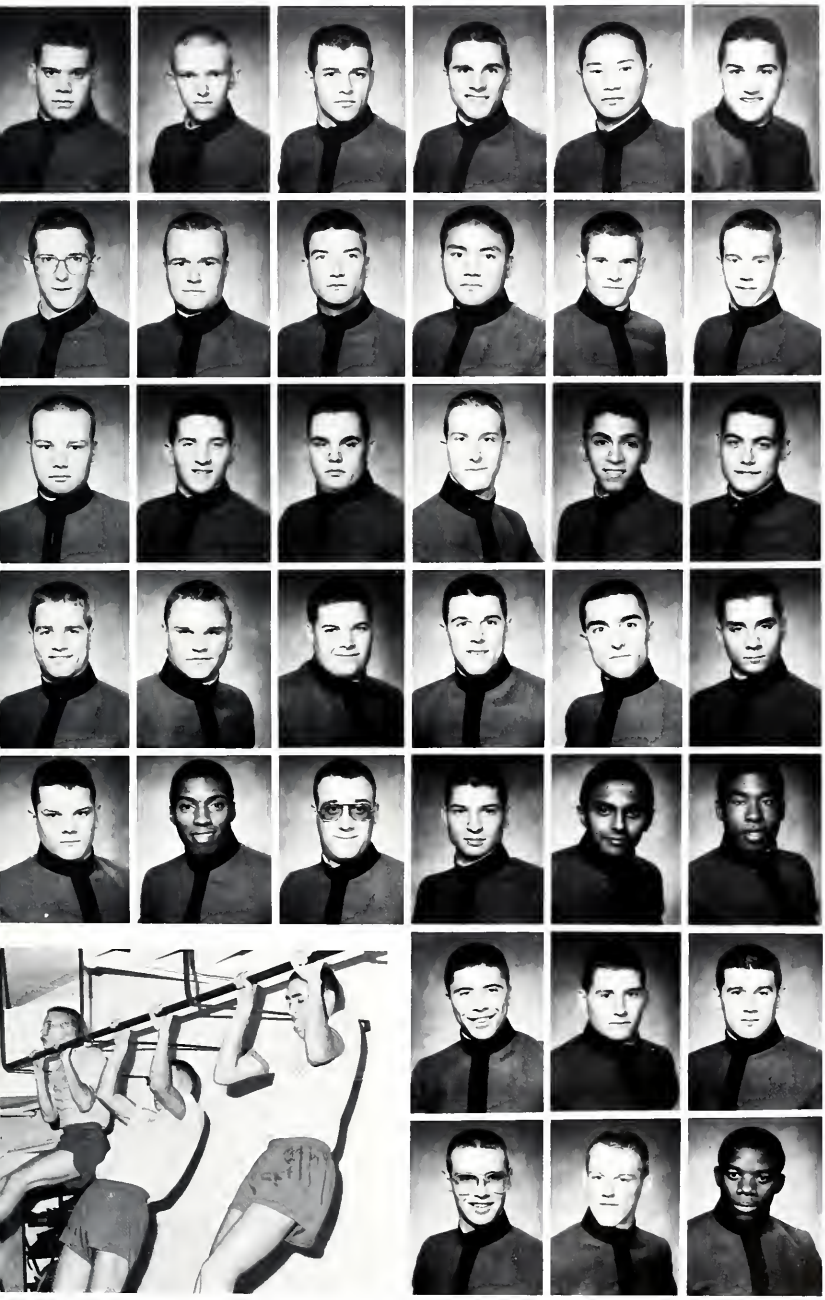




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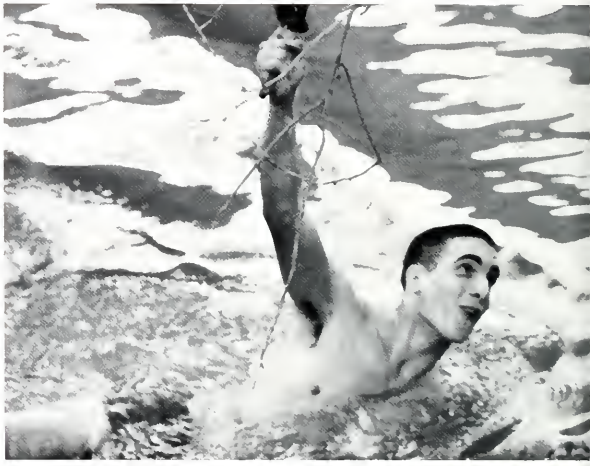















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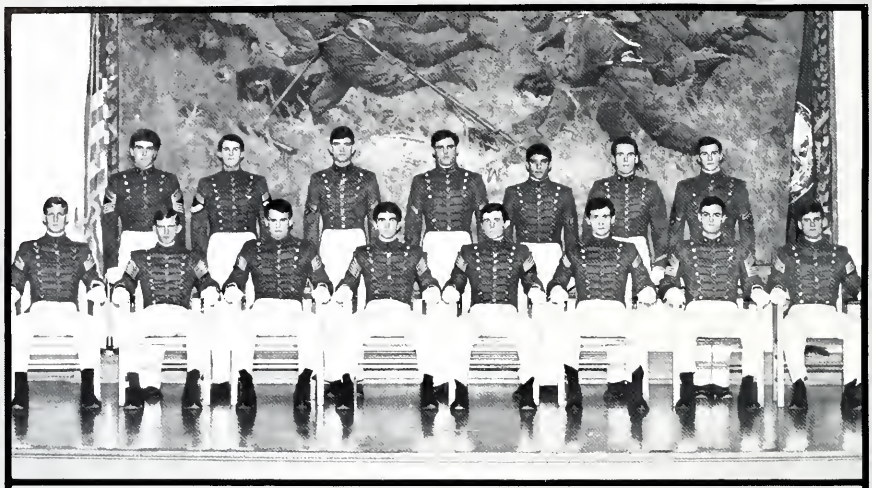






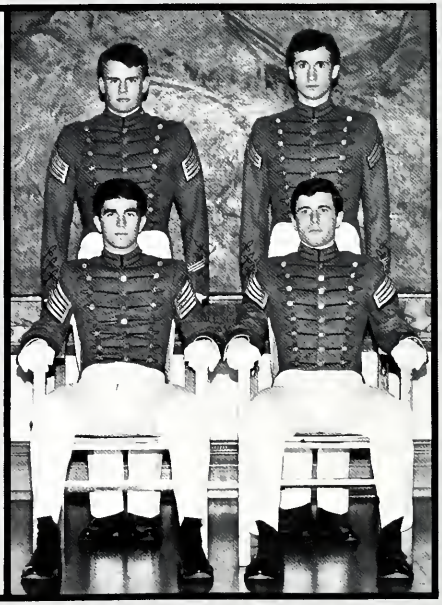

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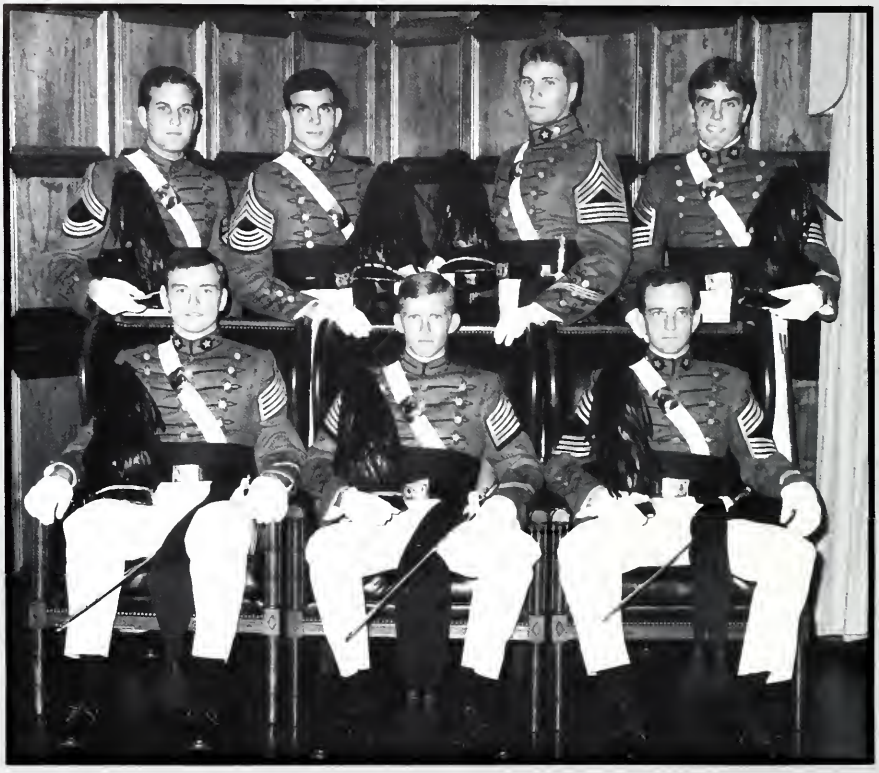


Twenty-seven Virginia Military Institute first classmen have been named to the current edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." The cadets selected for recognition in the national publication were chosen by a faculty/student committee which considered individual academic and extracurricular achievement and contributions to VMI.

The thirteen Virginians among the "Who's Who" cadets are Lyne B. Aigner, Jr., Winfield L. Beckner, Jeffrey M. Gill, and Kenneth O. Pohlig, all of Richmond; Edward W. Holland, Jr., of Sandston; John E. Holloway, of Williamsburg; William P. Johnson, of Roanoke; William G. Leftwich, III, of Annandale; Robert J. Morris, of Chesapeake; Terry M. Murphy, of Urbanna; Ralph S. Northam, of Onancock; Grover C. Outland, III, of Norfolk; and Richard S. Wagner, of Petersburg.

Out-of-state cadets are Charles S. Falls, of Hanover, Pa.; James A. Jackson, of Williamstown, W. Va.; Jacob R. Jaks, of Wheatland, Calif.; Andrew L. Kolesar, III, of Hamilton, Ohio; James E. Langan, of Bethel Park, Pa.; Robert V. Longo, of Bloomfield, N.J.; Christopher A. Munger, of Naperville, Ill.; Pieter F. Nauta, of Wilton, Conn.; David B. Openshaw, of Rockville, Md.; Kurt S. Owermohle, of Stroudsburg, Pa.; Thomas J. Savage, of N. Huntingdon, Pa.; Michael A. J. Sawyer, of Bayonne, N.J.; Michael A. Shupp, of Bethlehem, Pa.; and Chet D. Thompson, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Jacob J. Jaks -Regimental Commander
Thomas J. Savage -Regimental Executive Officer
Chet D. Thompson -Regimental Adjutant
Peter M. Tranchik -Regimental Recuiting Lt.
Michel A. Shupp -Regimental Recruiting Officer
James E. Langan -Regimental Supply Officer
Jeffrey M. Gill -Regimental Operations Officer

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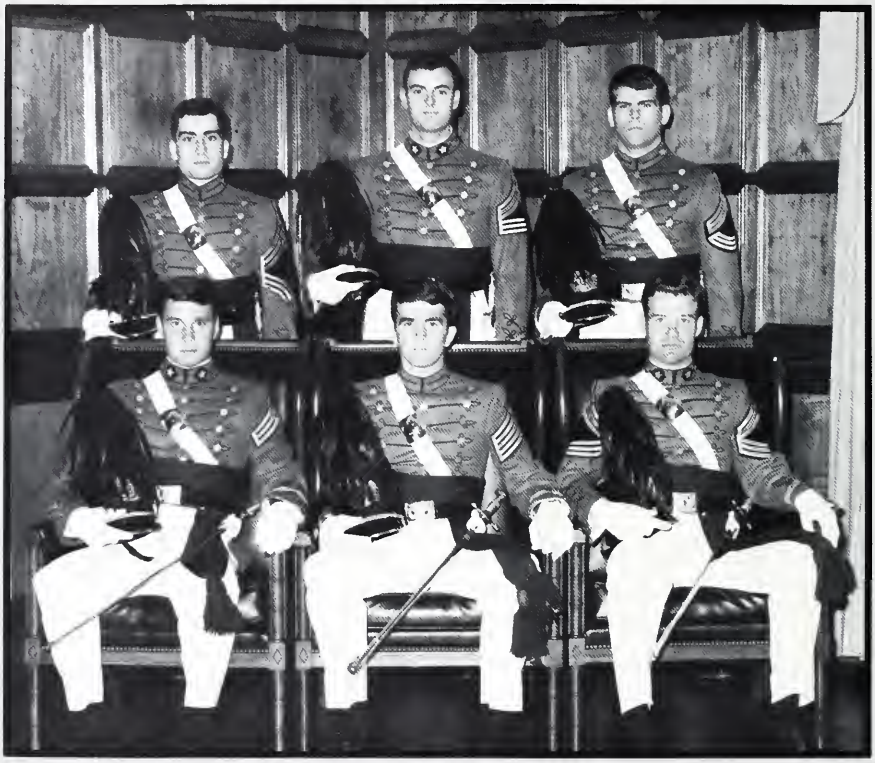


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Jon K. Mott -Regimental Sergeant Major
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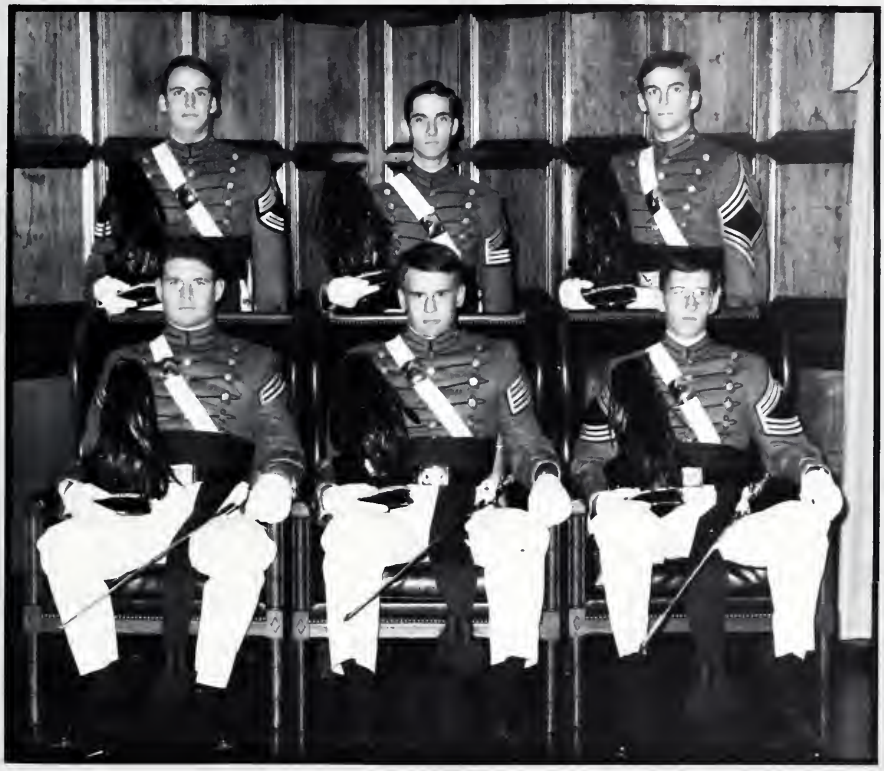
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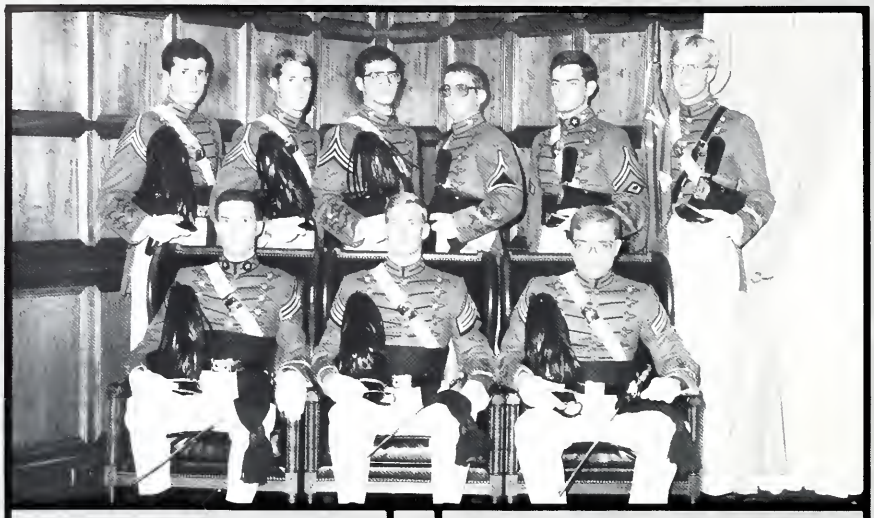
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Battalion X.O. - Cadet First Lt. Michael J. Colgan

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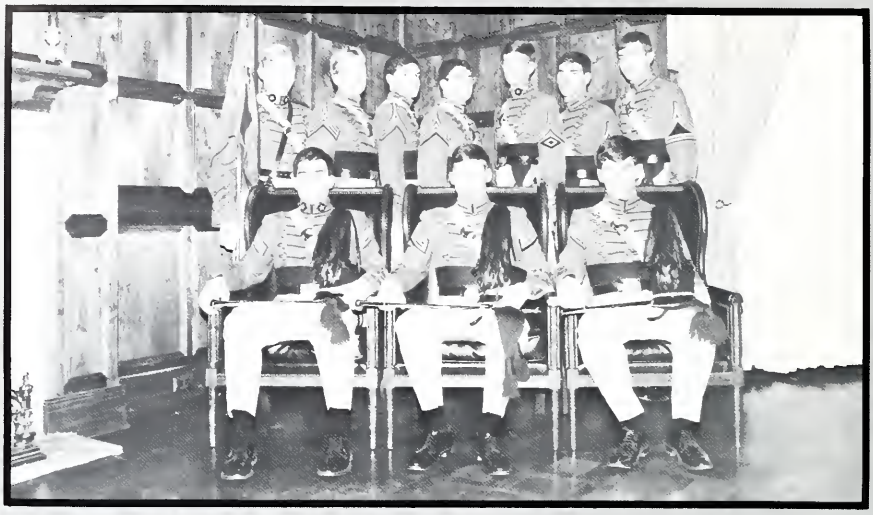


Captain Broadwater, Army



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BRAVO COMPANY



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Michael J. McLeod - 2nd Lt.

Eugene L. Bigelow - 2nd Lt.
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Lieutenant Johnson, Navy



Captain Lodi, Army

CHARLIE COMPANY



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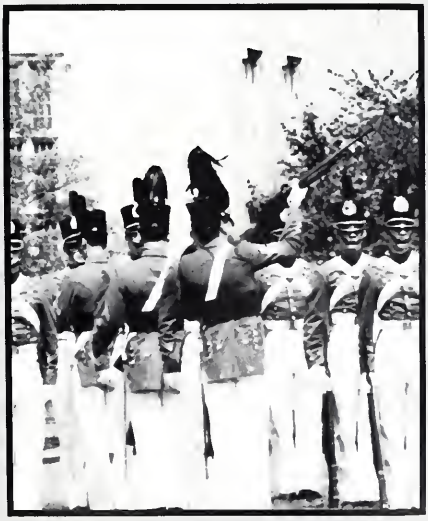
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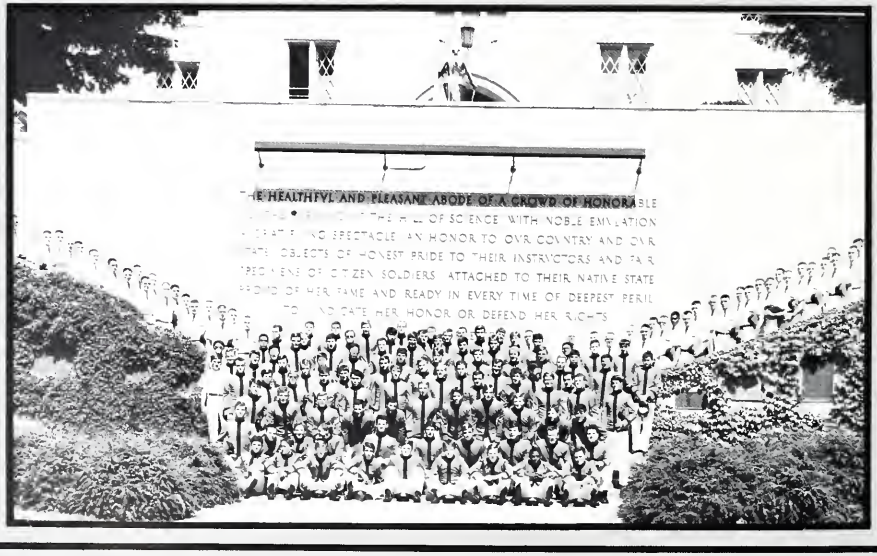


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Kevin P. Davidson	- 2nd Lt.	William J. Bradley	- First Sgt.
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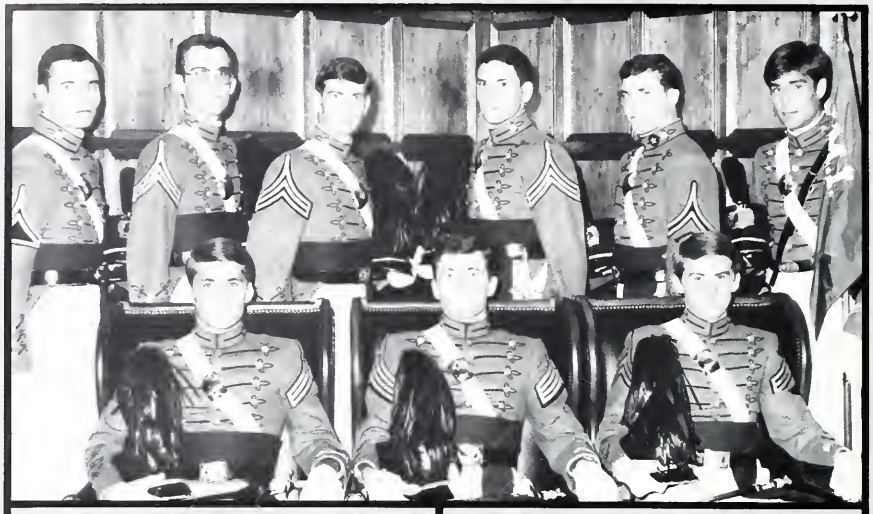


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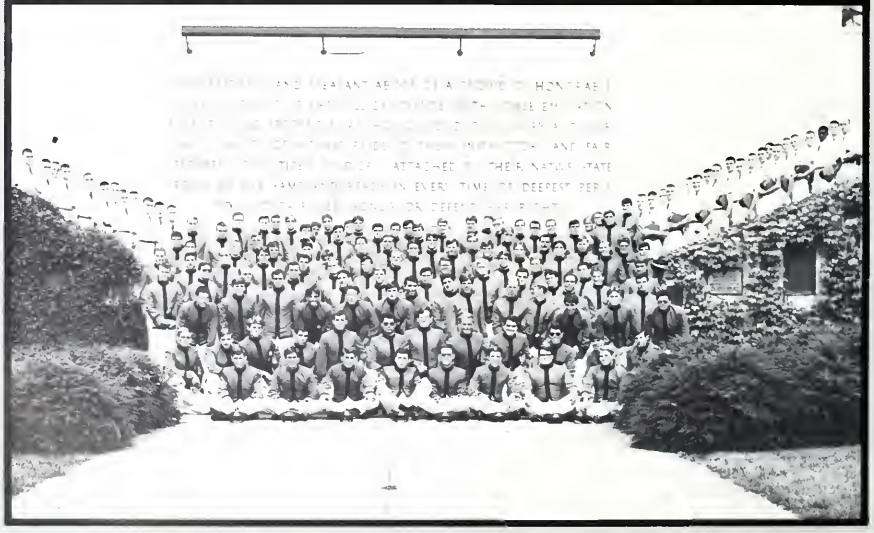
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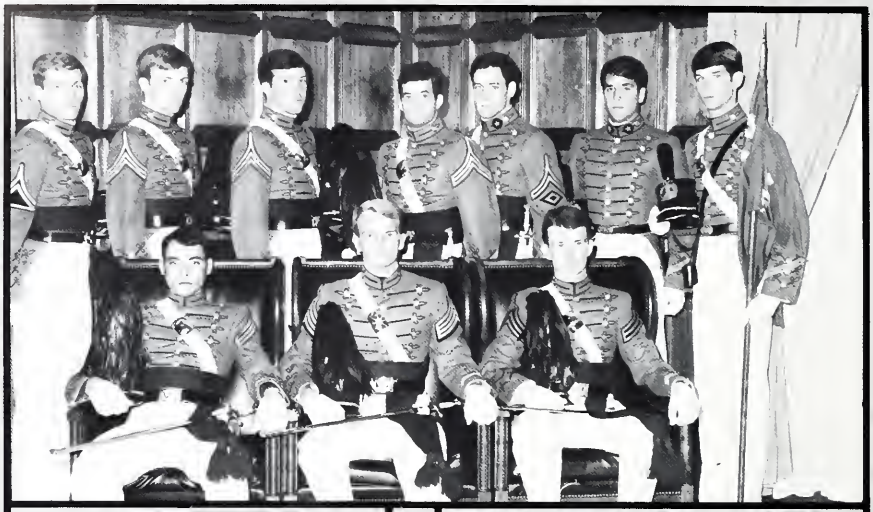


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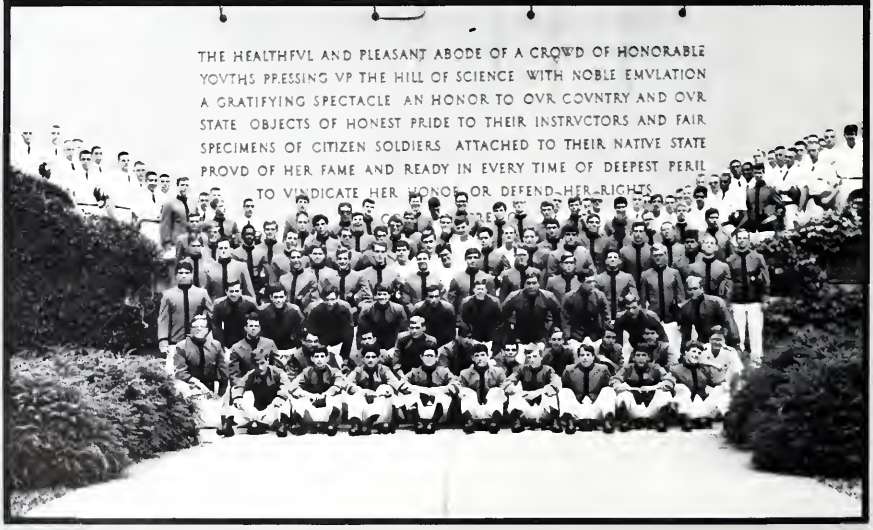
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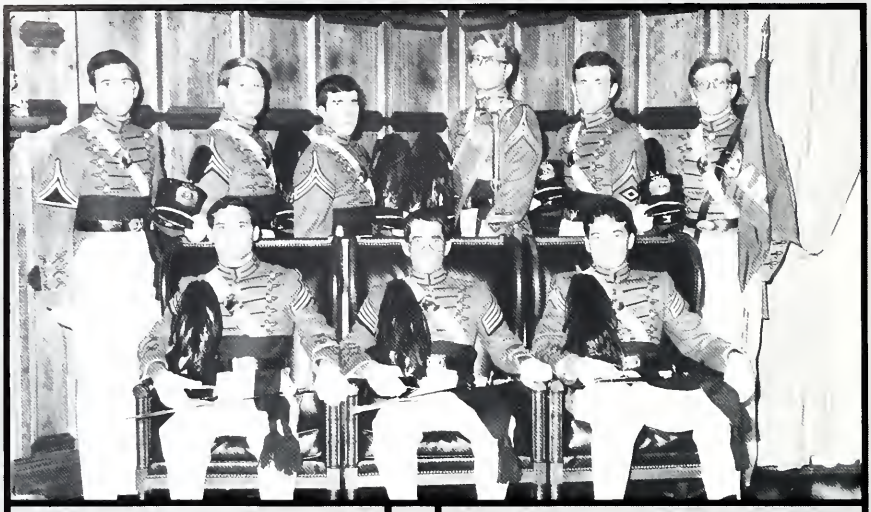


Captain Hall, Army



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David L. Richards - 2nd Lt.

Joseph H. Shrader - 2nd Lt.
John F. Bigger - Guide On
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Captain Moyer, Air Force



Major Frair, Army

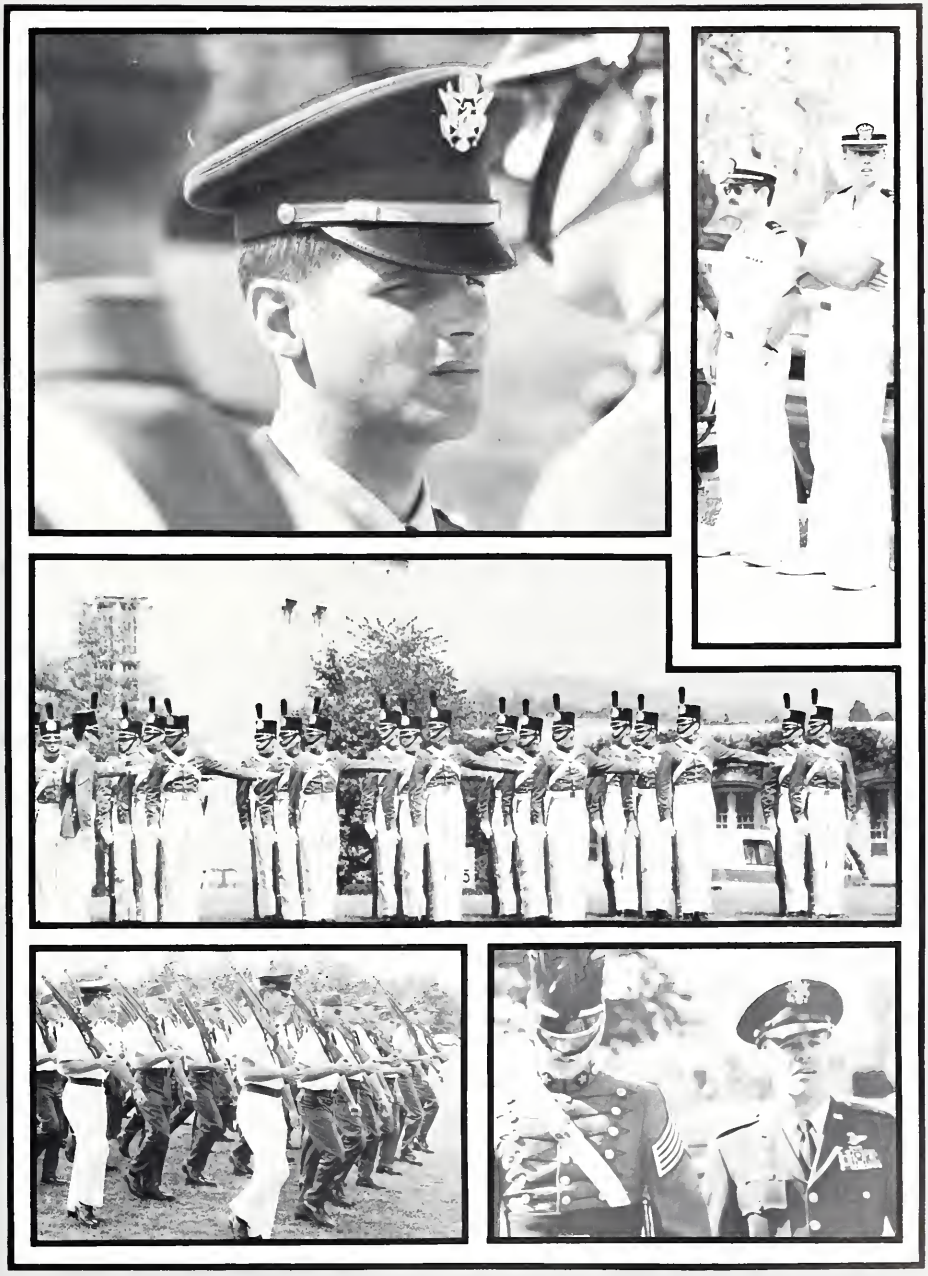














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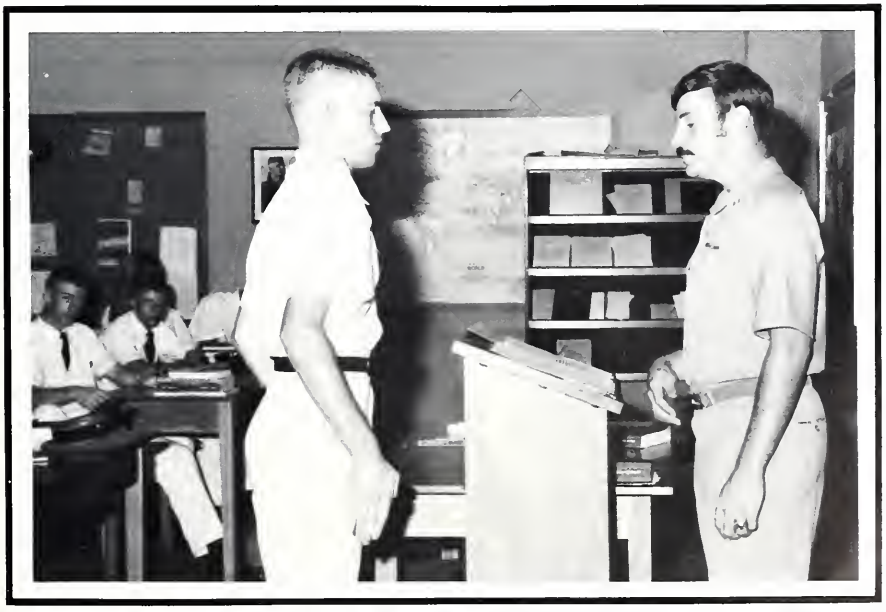
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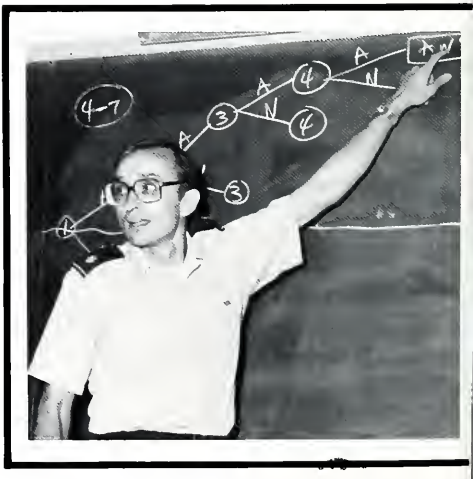
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Dr. Chang, Head





Seated: Col. Byers, Col. Gentry, Col. Roth, Dr. Davis, Maj. Bedell, Mrs. Holland sec., Standing: Col. Boettjer, Maj. Wilson, Maj. Badgett, Dr. Ford, Dr. Burgess



Col. Roth, Head



HISTORY



Front Row: Col. Gilliam, Col. Hunter, J. Aldridge; sec., Col. Bausum, Mr. Eastby Second Row: Col. Hayes, Lt. Col. Thomas, Maj. Gunsburg, Maj. Wilson Back Row: Cpt. Wagner, Lt Col. Davis, Maj. Goolrick



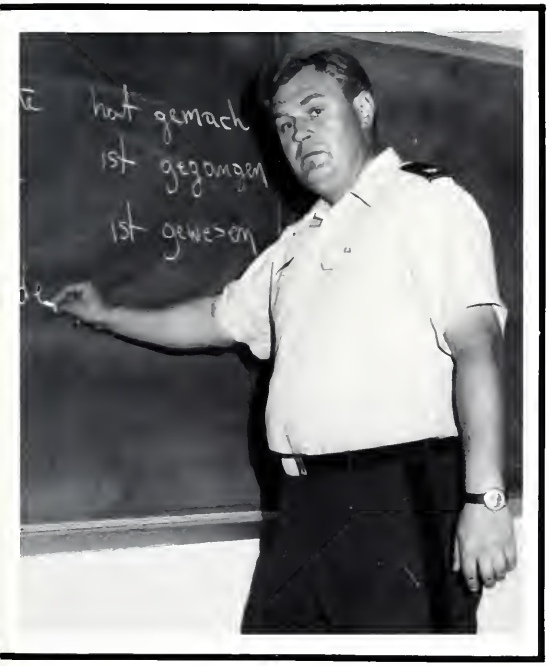
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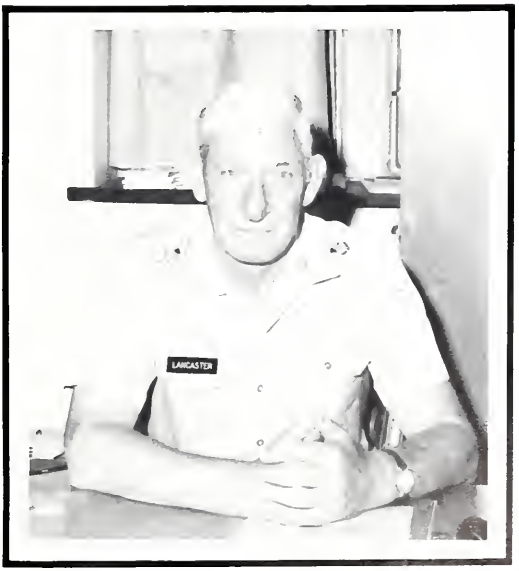
MODERN LANGUAGES



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Standing: Maj. Robinson, Col. Vines, Maj. Ponce



Col. Lancaster, Head



PHLOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY



Seated Dr. Foster, Mrs. Seaman, Dr Pace, Standing Col. Caudill, Col. Carlsson, Maj. Bush

Department Head

Dr Foster



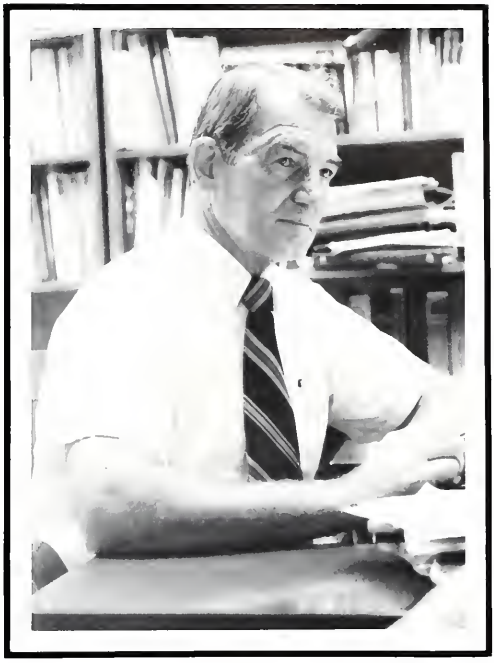
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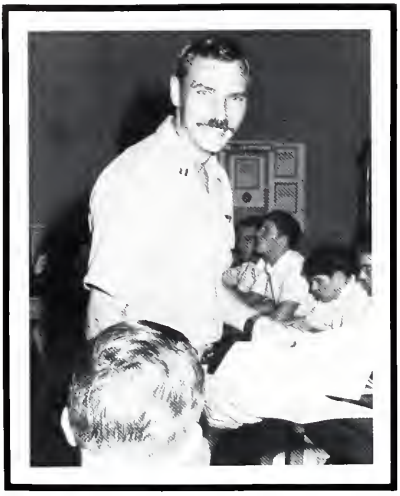
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Dr. King, Head

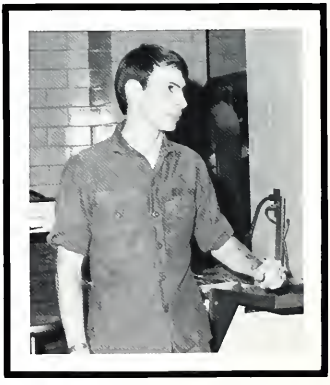


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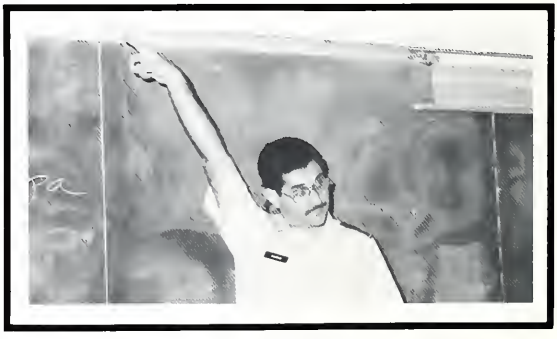












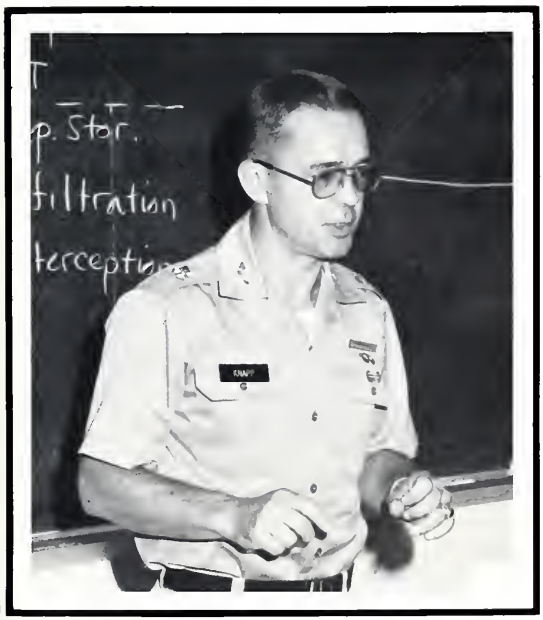
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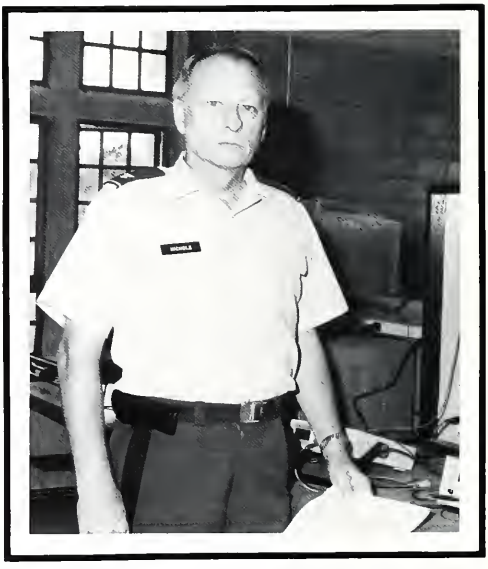
Col. Sculley, Head



ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING



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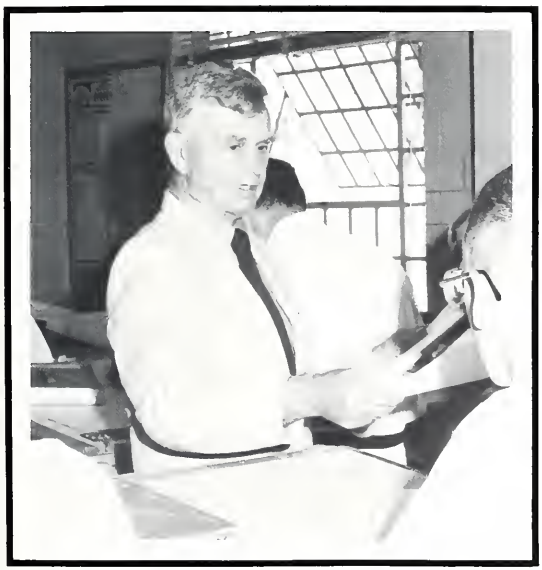
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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING



Col. Taylor, Maj. Brittigan, Mr. Clark, 2nd Lt. Hodges, Col. Trandel





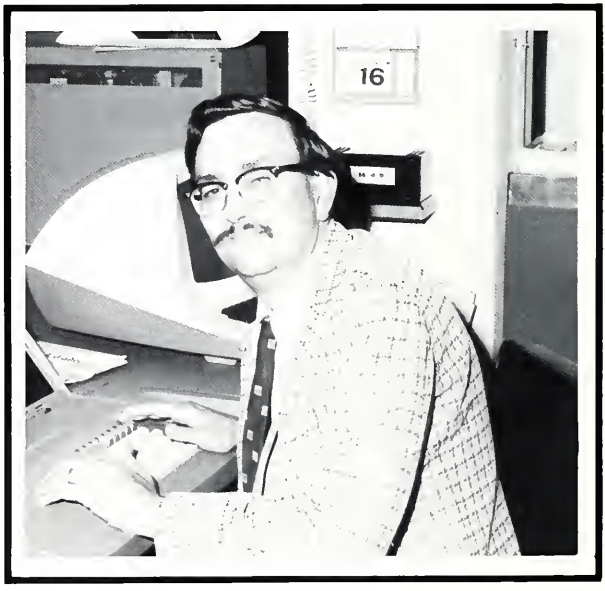
Col. Trandel, Head

COMPUTER CENTER



Ms. Funkhouser, Mr. Heslep, Ms. Spence, Ms. Potter, Mr. Bibb, Dr. Blazs

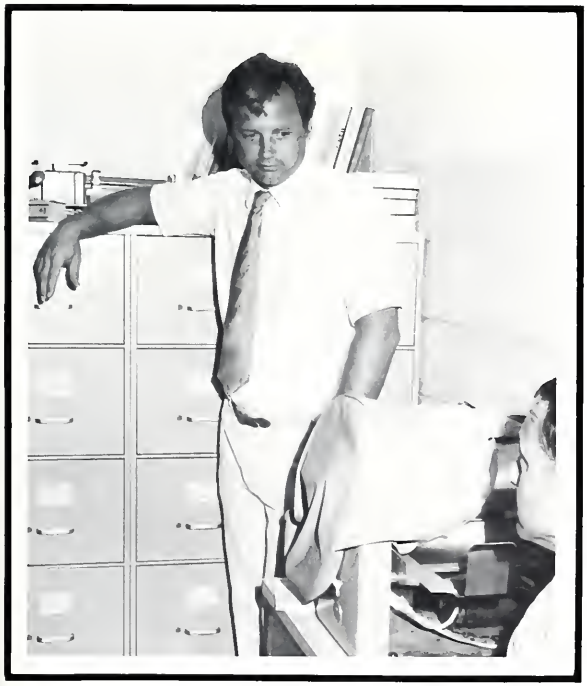




Dr. Blazs, Director



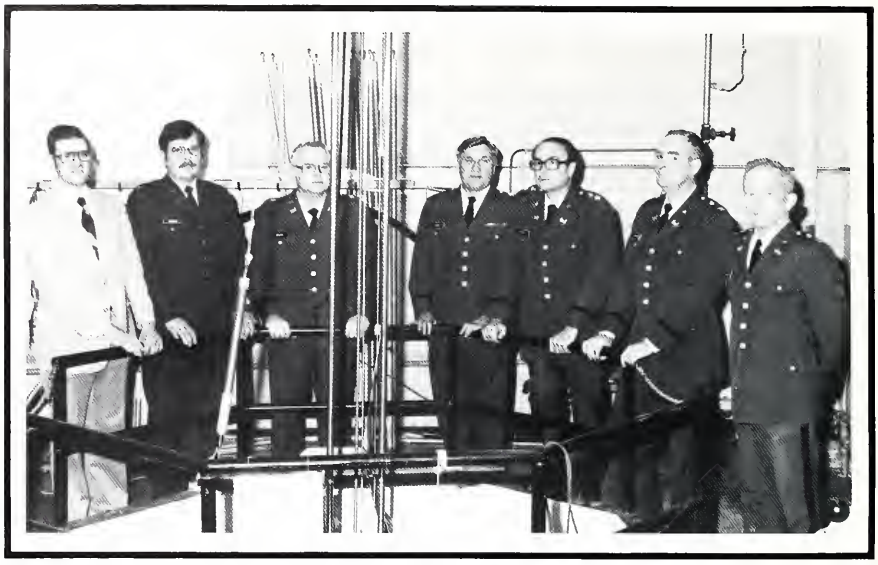
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Col. Bolen, Head

PHYSICS



Left to Right Dr. Motill, Col. Sauder, Col. Minnix, Maj. Jones, Maj. Adams, Col. Carpenter, Col. Newman



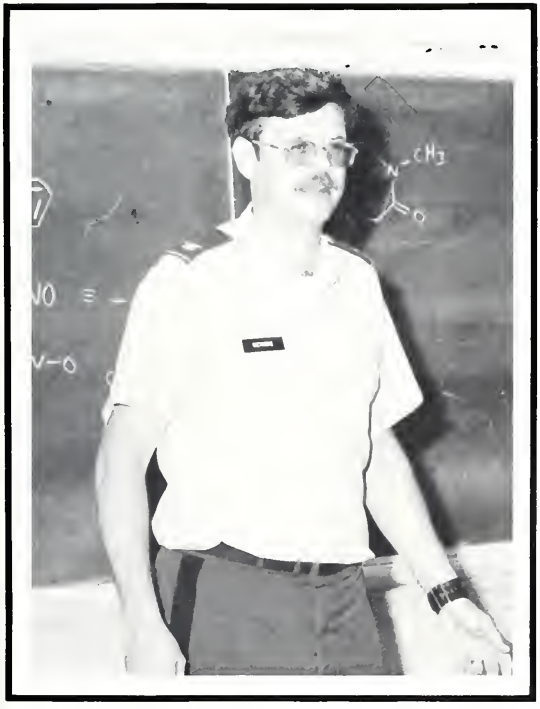
Col. Minnix, Head



CHEMISTRY



Seated: Maj. Wilson, J.B. Harris, Col. Pickral, Col. Wise, Col. Settle, C.A Brown, Standing: Lt. Col. Ludt, Col. Wetmore, Col. Golfer, Mrs. Hartless, Maj Schreiber, Col. Riethmiller





Col. Wise, Head

BIOLOGY



Left to Right: Col. Reeves, Col. Wingfield, Col. Gupton, Col. Hundley, Lt. Col. Swope, Dept Head: Dr. White



POST POLICE



Left to Right T. Wimmer, C. Conner, C. Burch, R Sours, J. O'Conner



Q.M.D.

Mr. Mays, T. Emore, Not pictured· Col. Graybill, Walter Lyle, M. Craney





BOOKSTORE

W. Turner, E. Irvine
Not pictured, F. Swink



LIBRARY

First Row: E. Smith, Maj. Robinson, W. Davis, Lt. Col. Gaines; Second Row: F. Camper, M. Davis, D. Jacob, M. Pearson, L. Covington, M. Camper, H. Cox; Third Row: G. Youngblood, N. Kirby, B. Hamerlc, P. Smith



PUBLIC INFORMATION

Left to Right: Mr. Wren, Maj. Adams, J. Martin, E. Duff



CADET AFFAIRS

Col. Jones, Lt. Checca

BILL THE BUGULAR



BUILDING AND GROUNDS

C. Hamrick, Superintendant





V.M.I. BEARS

Left-Right: Hughey Johnson, N. Mays, J. Hartless, R. Ayers, E. Campbell; Bottom: K. Knowlin, W Hartless, E. Mattern B. Davis, E. Craney, Jr.



MAIL ROOM

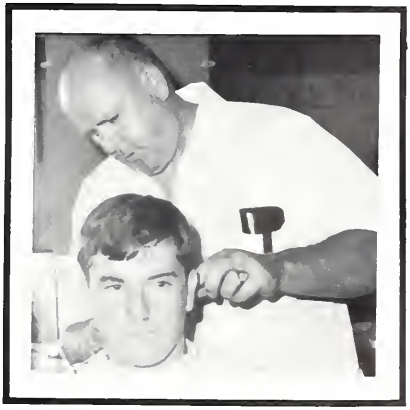
B. Crockett



SEWING SHOP

First row: E. Johnson, B. Zollman, E. Manley, L. Furr
Second row: V. Eubank, B. Newcomer, J. Wilhem





BARBER SHOP

Kirby, Basil



ACTIVITIES



EC-GC

The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice President, and Historian of the upper three classes. Its purpose is to assure The Corps of Cadets that actions by a cadet which fall below the standards and traditions of The Institute and The Corps are answerable to The Executive Committee.

The General Committee consists, like The Executive Committee, of the class officers of the upper three classes. Its purpose is to maintain and preserve the VMI Class System, a long guarded tradition.

The class officers are elected at the end of the Rat year and hold their positions for the remaining three years. The President of The First Class is also the President of the Executive and General Committees.

Robert James Morris
President, The VMI Class of 1981





RAT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Rat Disciplinary Committee is a branch of the Executive Committee. Its primary purpose is to establish rat restrictions and enforce the rat system. Two representatives from each company are chosen for the 14 member committee and officers are chosen among the men selected.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



The Amateur Radio Club provides both a fulfilling hobby for its members and also a public service. Members of the club who have Amateur Radio licenses can communicate all over the world using morse code or voice, and can provide a public service by using their communication skills in times of emergency. The Amateur Radio Club is also actively trying to help cadets obtain their Amateur Radio licenses through classes and actual experience in the Amateur Radio Station.

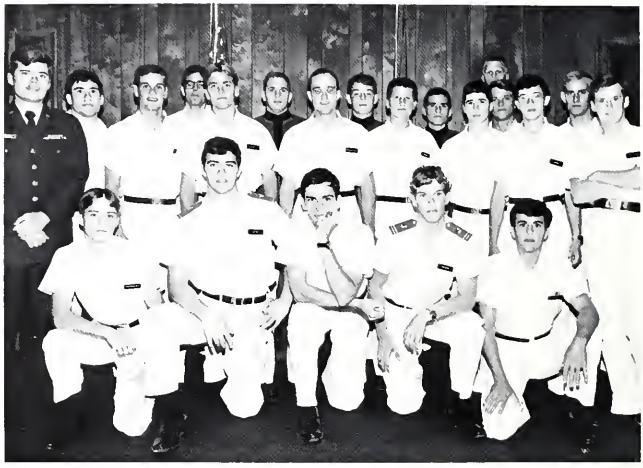


AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

The VMI Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society is an organization whose purpose is to introduce it's members to various applications and careers in Chemistry. These goals are accomplished through guest speakers and field trips. This years members have attended lectures ranging from the Voyager Space Probe to the life of Linees Pauling. Pres. John T. Ditillo V. Pres. Dric J. Karell Treas. Thomas G. Albro Pub. Rel. Mark J. Kanter.

ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY

The Arnold Air Society is a honorary service oganization composed of Air Force ROTC cadets. This year's activities included supporting the Rockbridge Jaycees annual Halloween Carnival for Children, escorting foster children to home football games, and a visit to the V.A. Hospital in Roanoke. This year the AAS has been complimented by the founding of a sister organization, Angel Flight, at Southern Seminary.





ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S. ARMY

The Association of the United States Army has the purpose of giving cadets the opportunity to obtain a better understanding of the U.S. Army, it's leadership principles, and its personnel. This year the organization returned to the annual convention in Washington, D.C. The success of this trip, along with all of the year's successes, are to be credited to the cadet leadership within the organization on Post.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

The Baptist Student Union is a program established by the Southern Convention for area college students. Stress is put on growth of Christian principles.





AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

The VMI student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers helps prepare cadets for their future in engineering careers. Each week during seminar on Thursday afternoons, the First Class ASCE members listen to a speaker with experience in engineering. Cadets are further exposed to engineering careers on field trips and through practical participation. Each year the student chapter builds and races a concrete canoe in area competition. The chapter also participates in some community service activities.

CIRCLE K

The Circle K Club is a community service organization, helping the community in any way possible. Some of the projects of the club include participation in W&L's Dance Marathon for Muscular Dystrophy, visits to elderly citizens at Stonewall Jackson Hospital, picking up trash and cleaning the area along the C&O Trail, and helping the Kiwanis Club in their Travelogue series. The VMI Circle K Club is sponsered by the Lexington Kiwanis Club.



CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

The Civil War Round Table is a cadet club which promotes interest in Civil War history by lectures and films open to the Corps of cadets. The CWRT also represents VMI at Civil War battle reenactments, drill competitions, and living history demonstrations. The Club's Faculty advisor is Roger R. Lodi, Capt., USA Infantry.



This year's Caded Program Board has increased its role as the special event s programmer on the VMI Post. Under the able direction of President Grover Outland and Secretary John Chandler, the CPB sought, and then received a doubling of its budget at Cadet Activities Committee hearings last spring. With the additional funds, the CPB has brought in entertainers of the caliber of Tom Deluca, Harry Waller, Mike Williams, and "Martha Brings 'em Back."



CADET PROGRAM BOARD

CHEERLEADERS





The Cheerleaders showed great enthusiasm for All teams- whether they won or lost. Despite all the time and hard work that went into the squad, there were many good times. The squad consisted of the best people I have ever worked with. The head Cheerleaders were Mathew O'Conner and Jeani Swiercinski, the Treasurer was Steve Thomas.





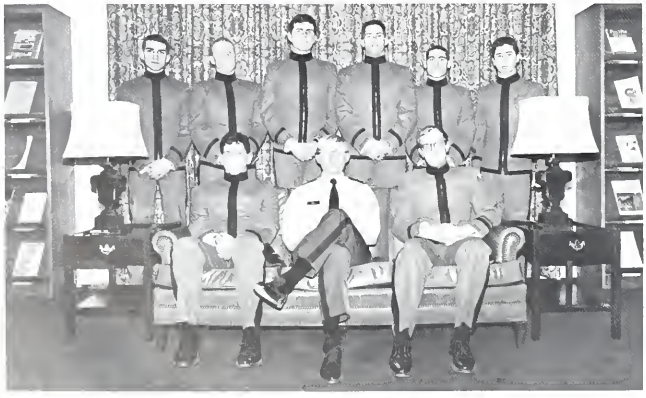




ENGLISH SOCIETY

The VMI English Society exists as the last bastion of liberal enlightenment in a technically-oriented and culturally deficient Corps of Cadets. Secure in the sacred truth that "knowledge is good," its intrepid scholars relentlessly pursue the universal myseries of truth. Armed only with cheap coffee (knowledge nectar), weakening eyes, and the knowledge that inumerable papers are due the next day (and frequently the day before). The Society offers sanctuary, culture, a twenty-four hour talk show, and thought-provoking films to any and all.





DEBATE TEAM

The Debate Team has been a part of VMI for almost 100 years. Although the styles have changed, debate is still a highly intellectual and a very competitive organization. The VMI Debate Team has competed at Harvard, Xavier, Wake Forest, Georgetown, and many other tournaments. This years members hope to expand the team and include new activities such as impromtu and extemporaneous speaking. The Debate Team also sponsors the Jackson-Hope High School Debate Tournament. Coach: Capt. Hall, Captains: Bruce Cohen and Gary Bowman.

IEEE

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) is an international organization dedicated to helping Electrical Engineers keep abreast of the rapidly growing technology. The VMI student branch affords EE majors the chance to see "real world" applications of electrical engineering and to present projects and papers at various IEEE sanctions.





CADET RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Cadet Recreation Committee was created in order to enhance recreational sports at VMI. During its six year existence, the CRC has purchased sporting equipment for cadet use without a financial commitment. This year's cadet in charge was Ed Oast.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

The International Relations Club is comprised of cadets interested in matters involving Foreign Policy. The club makes numerous trips to other colleges and universities and participates in foreign relations discussions as well as mock U.N. Security Council Conferences. The club officers this year were; Joseph Moan, president; James Hanratty, vice-president; Richard Commerford, vica-president.





EQUESTRIAN TEAM

The VMI Equestrian Club has brought the old cavalry traditions back to VMI. The club provides an opportunity for members to learn basic horsemanship, drill maneuvers, as well as proper showmanship. This years president was C.W. Lucy with P. M. Davis as treasurer.

O.G.A.



The Officer of the Guard Association is an organization established for and dedicated to the promotion of harmony and understanding between the corps and the administration. Traditionally the O.G.A. has been made up of all first class privates. Representatives are elected from each company.



FIREFIGHTERS

On alert all days of the week, and all hours of the day, these adopted and native sons of Virginia stand ready to battle that great ravagerfire. Trained and dedicated, the VMI Firefighters have rendered invaluable assistance to the Forest Service, in fighting numerous blazes, and keeping the state's residents aware of the costly danger of a careless match. In this manner, it urgently propigates the truth that "Only you can prevent forest fires."

MARINE DETACHMENT





RANGER PLATOON

The VMI Ranger Platoon is an organization designed to improve each member's skills as a light infantryman. Major stress is placed on patrolling, and this training is put to the test each year by two 3-day FTX's. Other activities include land navigation, weapons familiarization, hand-to-hand combat, demolitions, and various types of rappelling.

MILITARIA SOCIETY



YOUNG REPUBLICANS CLUB

The VMI College Republicans is an organization dedicated to learning about, and participating in the Republican Party. We believe that being politically active is both a privilege and a responsibility to all of the citizens of our Democracy. Through activity in the Republican Party, we have educated ourselves in the mechanics of our government, familiarized ourselves with some of our nation's leaders, and enjoyed ourselves in the process.



TIMMINS MUSIC SOCIETY

The Timmins Music Society promotes classical music interests within the corps. Founded in 1952, the society owes its name to John Timmins, a cadet officer who lost his life in the Korean War. Being the only culturally based society in the institute, the Timmons Society attempts to expose its members and the corps to the more cultural aspects of our society. This year officers are: Tom McCune, president; Joe Bouchelle, vice- president; Scott McGee, treasurer; Son Le, secretary. The faculty advisor is Col. Gentry.



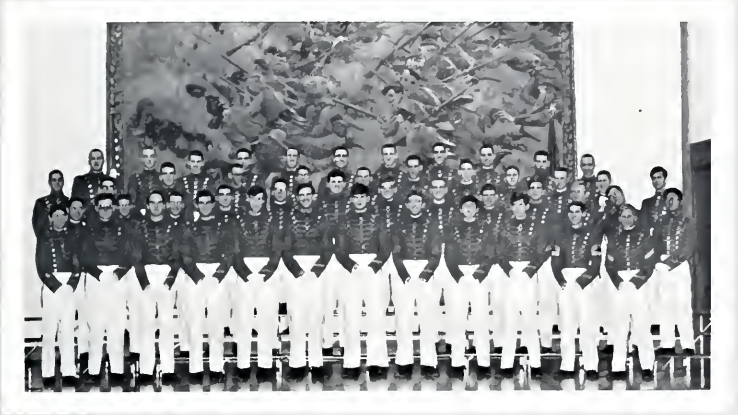
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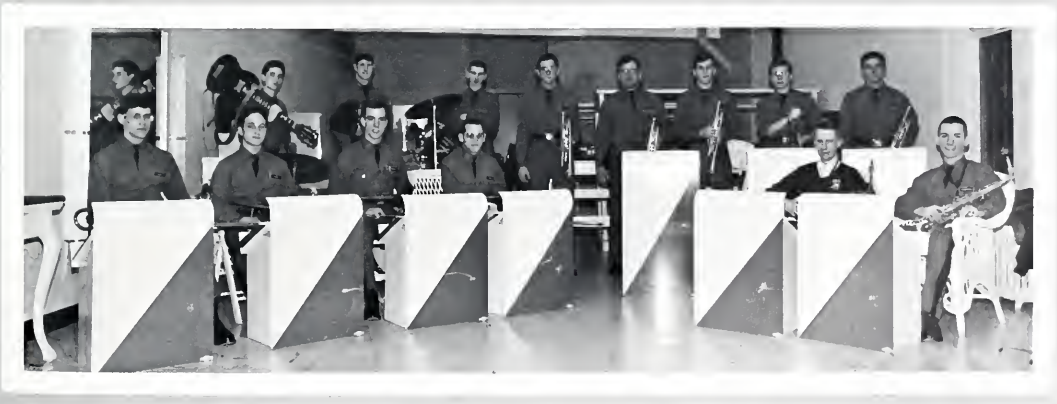
The VMI Pep Band plays at all home football games, pep rallies, home and away basketball games and various other athletic events. Members consists of all Band Co. rats and upperclass volunteers.



GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club provides cadets with an opportunity to display their musical talent. It provides an atmosphere for friendly and social contacts, both inside and outside barracks. Asside from the opportunities offered to the cadets, the Glee Club represents VMI in many off-post performances, ranging from trio and quartet offerings to the resounding thunder of the full Glee Club evening concert.



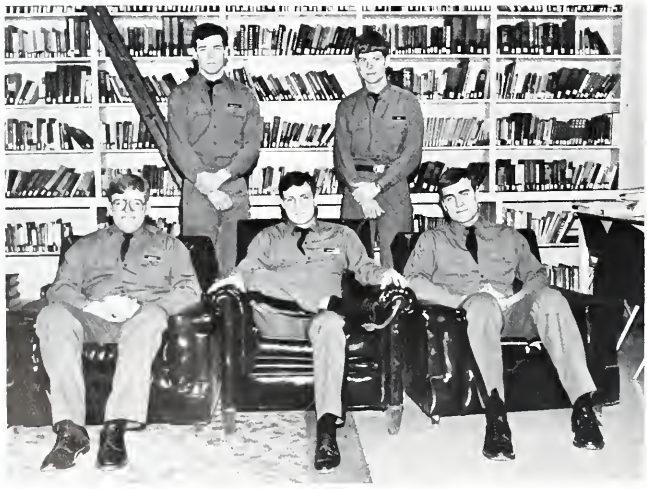


COMMANDERS

PUBLICATIONS BOARD

The Publications Board is a supervisory group composed of both cadets and faculty. It meets once a month to discuss policy and problems with the VMI *Cadet,* the *Bomb,* the *Bullet,* and the *Sounding Brass*..



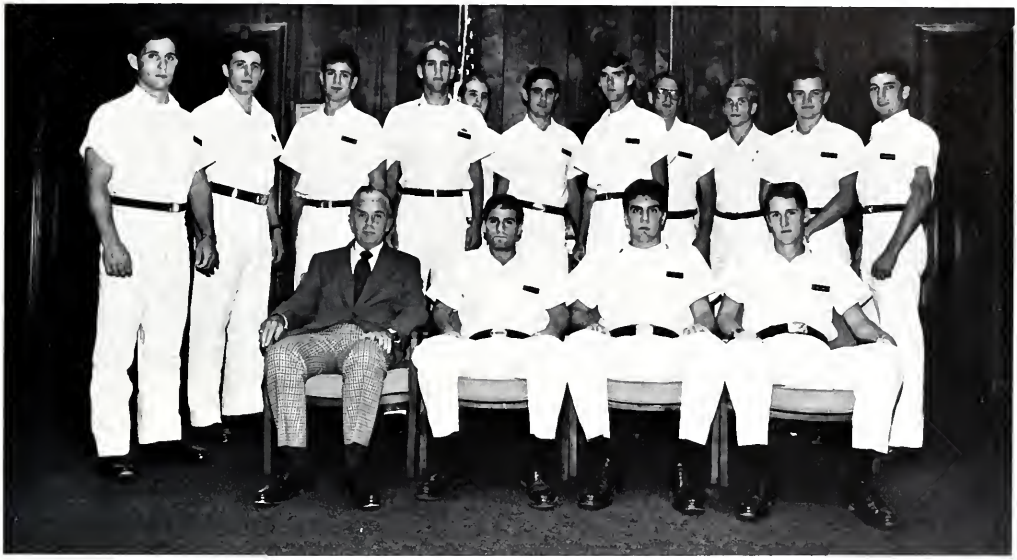


SOUNDING BRASS

The Sounding Brass is the literary magazine of the Corps of Cadets. As an expression of the Corps' literary tastes, this annual magazine presents cadet's original poetry, fiction, literary criticism and art work.

PRE-LAW

The Pre-Law Society consists of cadets who are interested in pursuing a legal career. Members sit in on mock trial at Washington and Lee, sponser guest lecturers, and visit various law schools.



PRE-MED

The Pre-Med Society is just a fancy name for a club dealing with the realm of biology. It serves as a focal point in any cadet's life who is interested in biology, by presenting films, guest speakers, and trips. It is through these presentations that a student can become more acquainted with the career options afforded him in the field of biology.



SCOUTER'S CLUB

The Scouters Club allows those members of th Corps who were in Scouting to return as leaders. We help the local troop and Cub Packs. Pres; Doug Knesal Vice Pres: Hal Scott.



ORIENTEERING TEAM

The Orienteering Club is set up to allow Cadets to enter into competitive map and compass work. The competition is a combination of cross-country and mapreading. Pres: Douglas Kneasal Vice-Pres: Scott Crumpler Tres: Mark Hardy.



SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB

The objectives of the sport parachute club are to further competitive relations with other clubs, and to provide an opportunity for students to gain experience and find recreation in sport parachute.





SCUBA CLUB

The scuba club is organized to provide cadets with the opportunity to develop and improve their underwater skills. The club has planned dives up and down the east coast in conjunction with other local diving clubs.

SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS

The VMI Society of Physics Students has the objective of pursuing and promoting further study of the physical sciences through activities such as field trips, movies, and guest speakers.

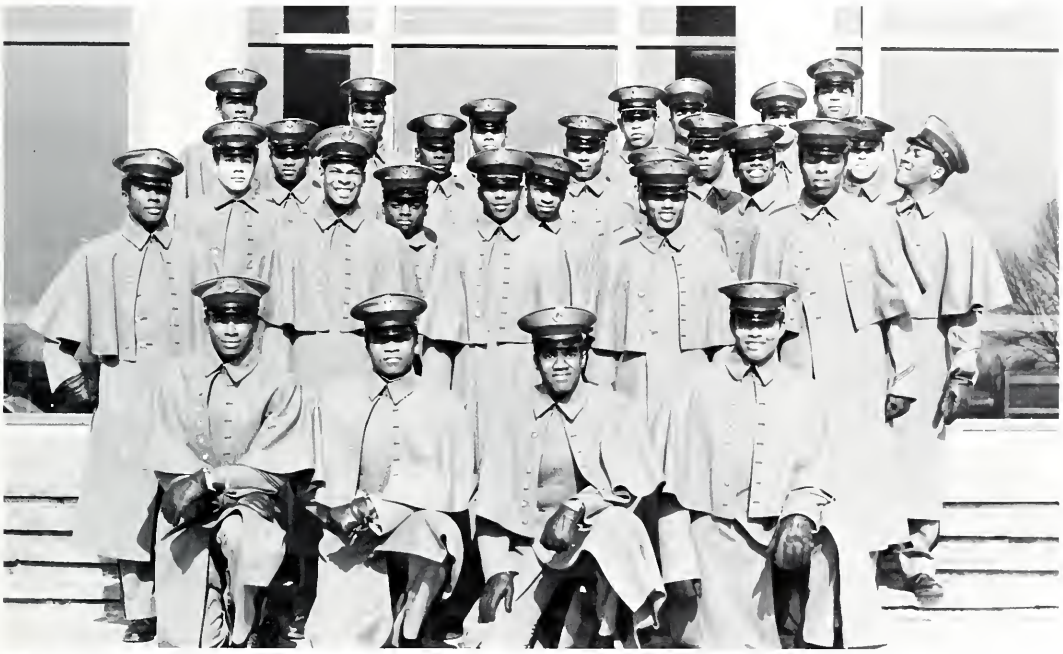


SOCIETY OF YOUNG ECONOMISTS



BLACK STUDENT UNION

The Black Student Union of the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, is formally recognized as the "Promaji Club." "Promaji" is Swahili for *Togetherness.* By Keepine "Promaji" as a theme has become our goal to facilitate a bond of hospitality and goodwill between black cadets and an extremely gracious Lexington community. Promaji acts as a communicative body generating rapport between the community, corps of cadets, and the Institute.



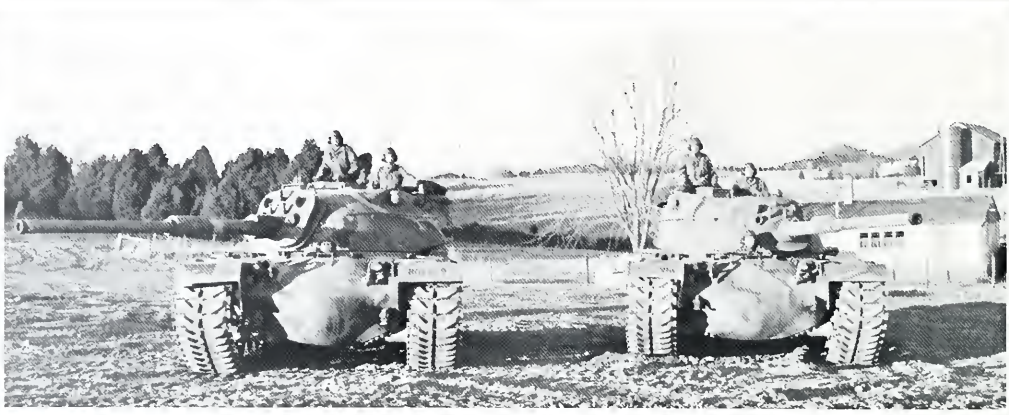


VMI THEATRE

Now in its 11th season, the VMI Theatre continues to bring live stage shows to the corps and the neighboring Rockbridge community. Under the guidance of director Bob de Marcia and a cadet staff of enthusiastic actors, designers, and technicians, the VMI Theatre promotes a repertorie of dramas, comedies, and musicals. This past year, audiences have applauded Murray Schisgal's *Luv, Stalag 17,* and Neil Simon's hit *God's Favorite.*

TANKER PLATOON

The VMI Tanker Platoon consists of first and second class armor students who put their classroom knowledge of tanks to use. This group of men, armed with five M48-A5 tanks, prove that firepower, mobility, and shock effect are the decisive factors which make armor the true King of Battle.





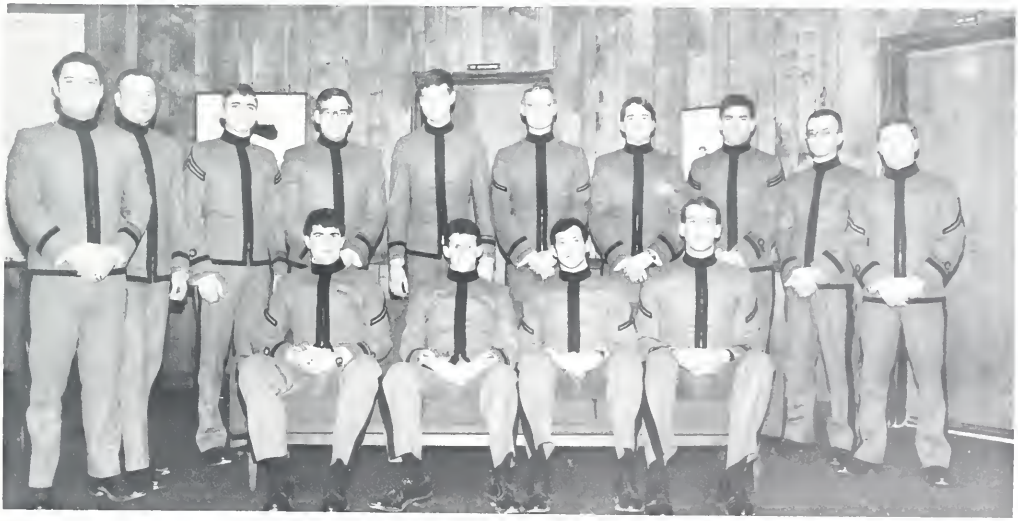
HOP AND FLOOR COMMITTEE

The Hop and Floor Committee is well known about VMI as a group of diligent "all-duty" seekers. Contrary to common belief, however, there are times when work has to be done, and somehow it manages to get done. The most notable change this year, is the addition of mixers for the Corps and local women's colleges. The Robbin Thompson Bank ranks as one of the most well-known acts at VMI in several years.

NEWMAN CLUB



The Newman Club was established in an attempt to promote Christian Fellowship among college students. The club coordinates meetings, dinners, retreats, and dances in an attempt to reach their goal. Club activities are promoted by St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The club invites students of all faiths to come and share in the joy of Christ's love.

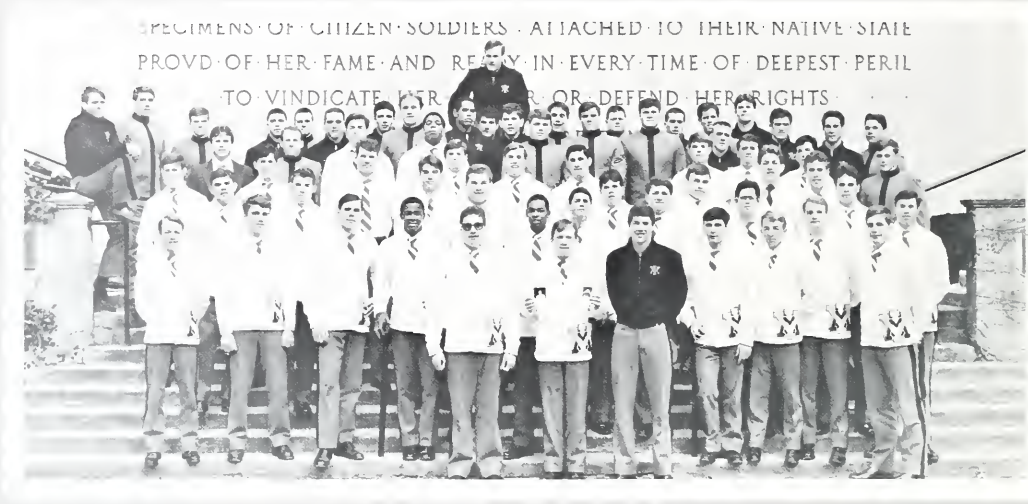


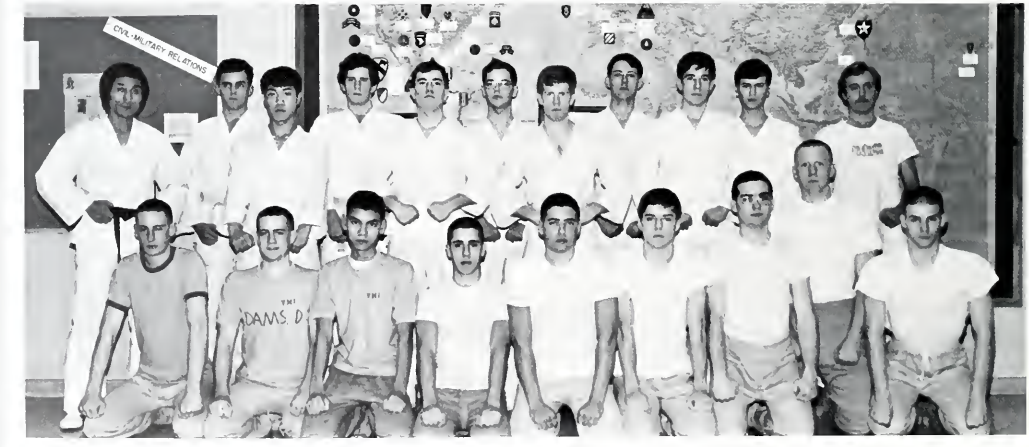
RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

The Religious Council is a non-denominational volunteer organization representing all classes. Its function is to provide every opportunity possible for a cadet to worship God as he chooses. It is under the auspices of the Chaplain. It is also responsible for the Sunday Chapel services in Jackson Memorial Hall.

MONOGRAM CLUB

The Monogram Club is open to all cadets who have a Varsity letter. The Club sponsors "socials" out at Zollman's Pavillion which provide a much needed social outlet for cadets, and the opportunity for VEEMIE'S to meet girls from nearby schools.





KARATE CLUB

The Karate Club, since the arrival of Mr. Rhee, a fifth degree black belt, has become an established club. A promotional testing or attaining a "belt" is in the near future. The club also provides an opportunity for cadets who wish to be physically fit and learn the art of self-defence.

POSIT COMMITTEE



The Posit Committee consists of representatives of the upper three classes. Its purpose is to study and improve cadet life. It conducts studies, and then makes recommendations to the Superintendent for improvements.



LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

CADET WAITERS



THIRD CLASS FINANCE COMMITTEE



The 1982 T.C.F.C. had a good year and was able to pay off all debts. The members are: Boyd, J.M.; Crumpler, W.S.; Ewing, M.R.; Sofia, M.J.; Tyminski, W.B.; Marangoni, G.L.; Dorsey, R.A.



This year's T.C.F.C. has been selling hundreds of pizzas and subs in hopes of having a swollen slush fund for Ring Figure '83. The members are: C. Eversman, J. Hotinger, S. Melitz, Mike Laughon, J. Goodwillie.

CBC

There exists at VMI an organization dedicated to the artistic beautification of one of the institutes most visible monuments: the cannon ball. This small band of artisans spent many a cold, wet, late night in the pursuit of their own special discipline, and even went so far as to get boned for "unauthorized improvement of institute property; i.e. painting the cannon ball." Thanks for your dedication, creativity, and artistry, guys! Remember the New Market Day 5-45 minutes-0!



The VMI Concrete Canoe Team is living proof that concrete floats, for the unit designs, builds, and races its own concrete canoe. The team is sponcered by the VMI Student Chapter of the ASCE, and competes with other student chapters throughout the nation. The team is comprised of civil engineering majors who have an interest in applying their engineering knowledge outside the classroom. Members for the '80-'81 team are D. Shannon, Butch Hostetter, Sam Woolwine, Greg White, and Butch Manning.



CONCRETE CANOE

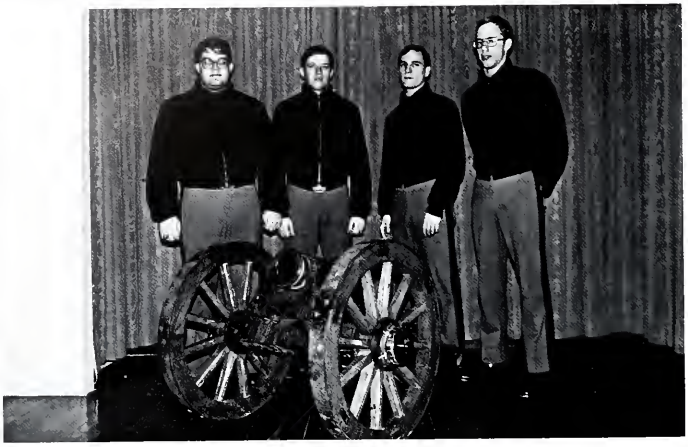




This year the kangaroo was acted by: Steve Yancey, John Ferry, Gary Morgan, Mack Spears, Steve Tennant, Jim Langan, Tim Nitz, and Sammy Wolwine.

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LITTLE JOHN II





Little John II made its first appearance in September 1958. It is made from 100 empty brass shells from the evening gun. The carriage was made in the State Penitentiary in Richmond, with the wooden portions being cut from huge beams obtained from a building more than 100 years old.

Little John II is fired each time V.M.I. scores and when the team takes the field.

This year the cannon was manned by: Hesson, S.T.; Hardy, M.S.; Gleason, M.W.; Williams, E.T.

The V. M. I. Cadet

Virginia's Last Independent College Newspaper



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Renee Averette

Renee represents Bravo Company and is from Fuquay-Virginia, North Carolina. She is nineteen years old and is presently attending the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She is pursuing a major in elementary education and enjoys swimming.

Mary Cawthorne

Mary is an eighteen year old sophomore at Longwood College where she majors in home economics. From Colonial Heights, Virginia, she enjoys dancing, swimming and is a member of Longwood's Dance Company. She represents Echo Company.

Elizabeth Ann Robertson

Elizabeth is a seventeen year old from Richmond, Virginia. She has interest in fashion design, modeling and dancing. James Madison University and Virginia Tech are among the schools she aspires to attend next fall. She represents Foxtrot Company.

Clockwise from bottom left







Sonia Lea Collier

Sonia is a native of Richmond, Virginia. She is twenty-one years old and will graduate from Mary Baldwin this year. She is a double major in mathematics and business. She represents Alpha Company.

Beth Jones

Beth, who represents Charlie Company and is from Fuquay-Varina North Carolina, is nineteen years old. She is a freshman attending the DePaul School of Nursing in Norfolk, Virginia. She enjoys swimming and summer fun at the beach.

Robin Newcombe

Robin is an eighteen year old from Virginia Beach, Virginia. She enjoys travel, and aspires to become an airline stewardess. She represents Band Company.

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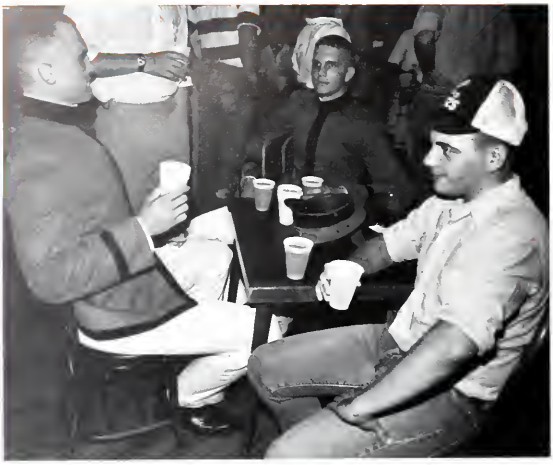


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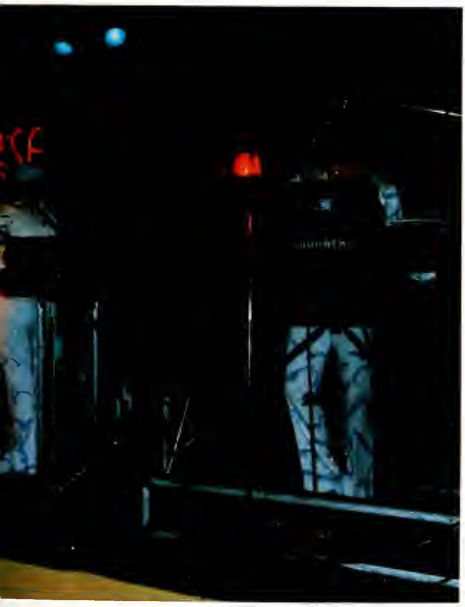
















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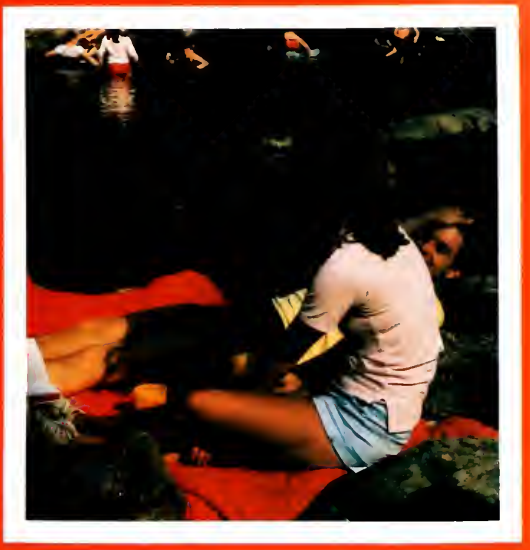


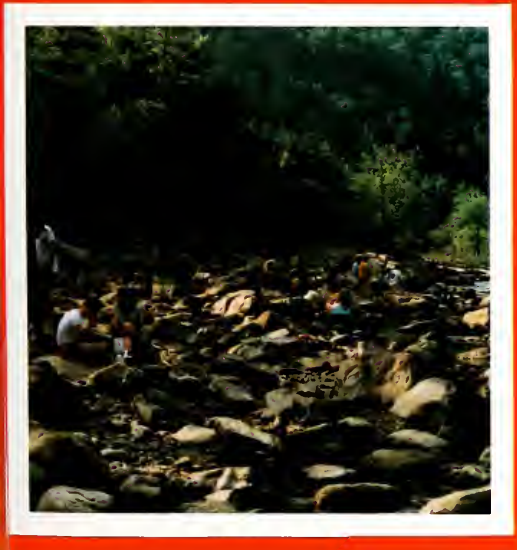




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It's Unique
Nowhere Are Men And
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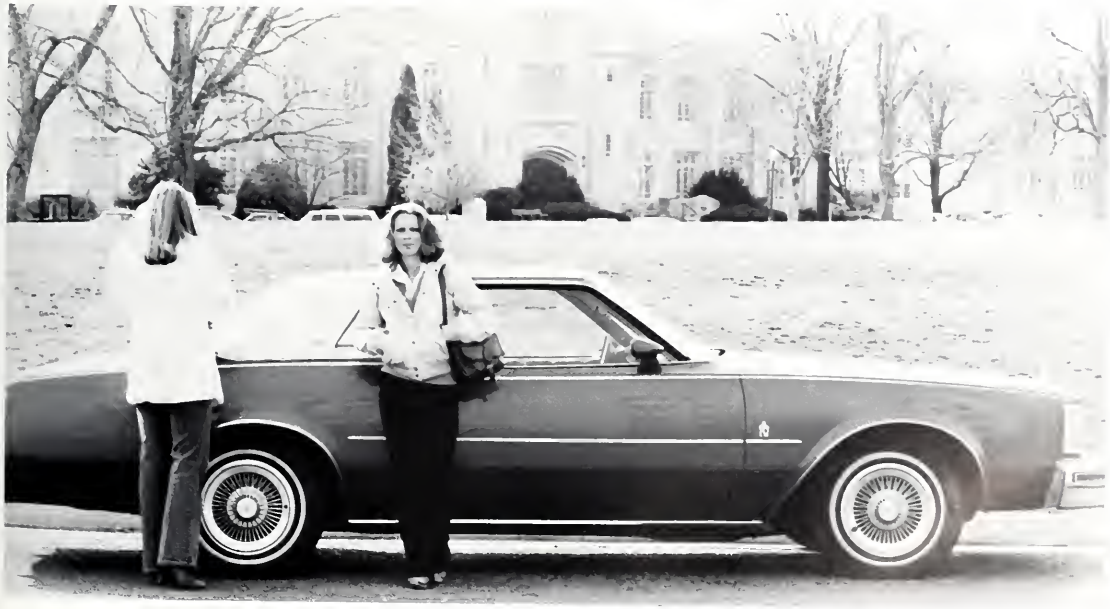






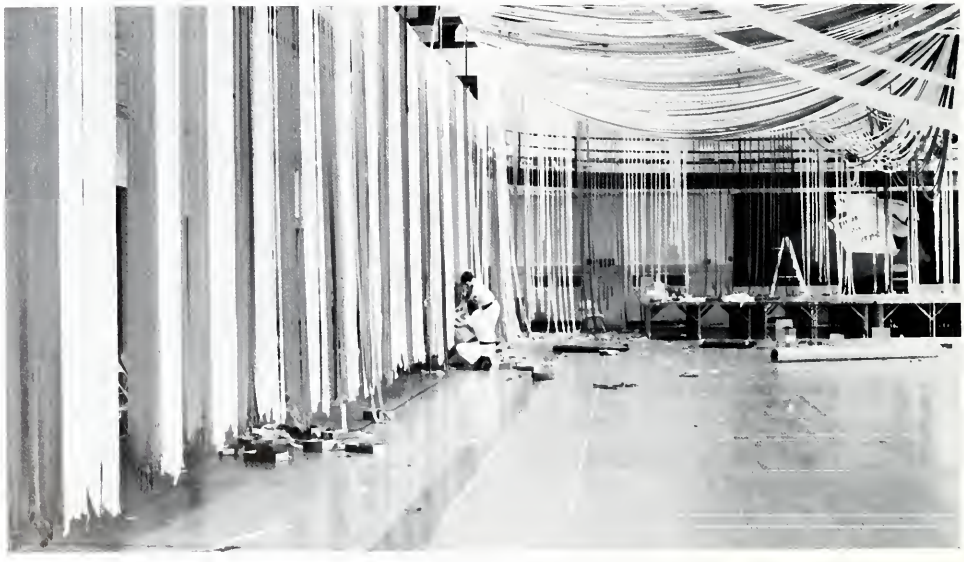
VMI Cadets owe a great deal to the girls who make those awsome road trips just to visit!





Hops are the most important social events of the year. A great deal of preparation and hard work goes in to making them such a great success!

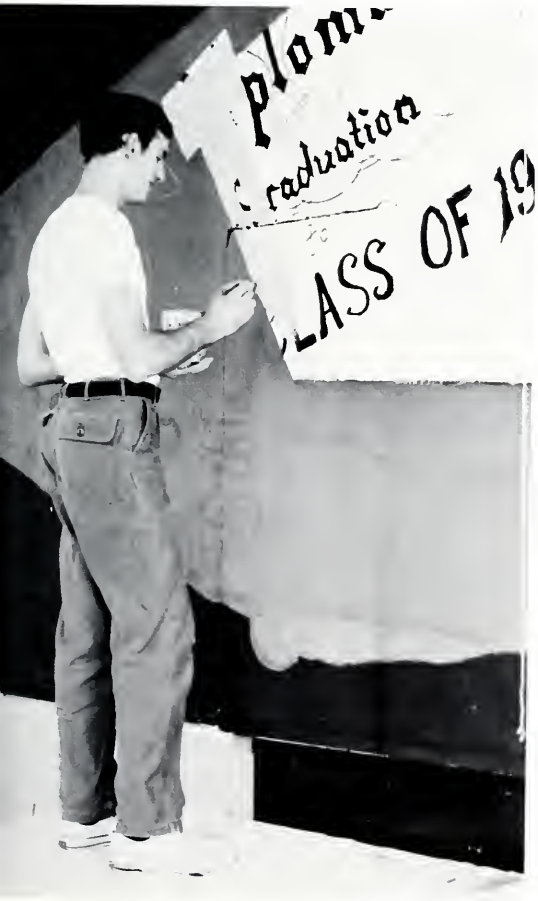




There Are The Frequent Electrical Problems.



There Is Painting To Be Done.





. . . It's A VMI Hop Weekend!

The Girls Arrive Friday Afternoon . . .







The
Evening
Arrives!







THANKS GENERAL IRBY









Lieutenant General Richard Logan Irby came to VMI as Superintendent on July 1, 1971. He will leave this year, ending a decade of service to the Institute.

General Irby is a graduate of the VMI Class of 1939. As a cadet he played varsity football and baseball. Following graduation he was commissioned into the US Army and entered the cavalry branch. General Irby continued his education by attending the Army's Command and General Staff College, the Army War College, and George Washington University from which he obtained a masters degree in international relations.

General Irby is a highly decorated veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. During his years of service he held key combat command posts and finally retired as a Major General.

As Superintendent of VMI General Irby set as his goals the improvement of the sports program, the renovation of barracks, and the upgrading of academic standards. General Irby has worked hard to realize these goals. His efforts have materialized in the form of Cameron Hall, completion of phase I and the starting of phase II of barracks renovation, and the increased emphasis on scholastic achievement.













Bill the Bugler is one of those selfless individuals who one encounters only too infrequently in life. Bill is not just a man who blows a bugle, he is an individual who has dedicated his life to the Corps of Cadets. He carries on one of our oldest traditions: the live bugle call. Bill does much more, however. He is a symbol of dedication and duty for all of us. No matter what difficulties he has experienced, he has always remembered the Corps and kept us on time. The 1981 BOMB, on behalf of the class of 1981, would like to sincerely thank Bill for his years of dedication to the Corps.

SPECIAL THANKS TO "UNCLE AL"





SPECIAL THANKS TO "UNCLE AL" '53

The question of the year is; "who is Uncle Al?" In order to do the answer justice I would have to write a two volume book.

Uncle Al is in essence an angel. Uncle Al cares for cadets like they were his own children. No favoritism is shown toward any cadet; he could be a Rat or a Regimental Commander and Uncle Al will go to bat for him. Mr. Alfred Miller is a devoted alumnus from the Class of '53; and besides his Mother, the Institute is probably the closest thing to his heart.

Uncle Al is not easily found when he is on Post; but, if you can't find him in the Superintendent's office, or the Dean's office, or the Commandant's office, or Dr. Monsour's office, then nine times out of ten he will be in the PX.

Thanks to Uncle Al, in one way or another, fifty three fine young men have been able to attend the VMI, and some will never know that it was Uncle Al who made it financially possible. But that's the way Uncle Al is, preferring anonymity to publicity. Uncle Al would do anything within his power to help a cadet, and ask nothing in return; but, whoa to anybody who dares to cross or deceive the man.

The Postal Service received a significant boost this year as did the Corps of Cadet's morale through Uncle Al's weekly letters. These letters included words of wisdom and cartoons packed full of humor. The letters, received by cadets, were passed around and sometimes the cartoons appeared on the rumor board, thereby lifting the spirits of all who read or saw them.

The majority of Uncle Al's Gang being located in barracks, for there are "nephews" spread out over the face of the earth, owe a great deal to Uncle Al. We say thanks for the breakfasts, lunches, dinners, tail-gate parties with the Crumplers, letters, and most importantly two keen ears for listening to our problems and a shoulder to cry on. However, many of us would not be here today if it were not for Uncle Al, and no words will ever be able to express our strong feelings of gratitude for the man. Many of us have cursed the "I" in times of depression; but, Uncle Al has taught us to appreciate the Institute whether the times be good or bad. Uncle Al has taught us to care for our fellow cadet, and to respect those who carry the burden of responsibility whether we agree with the decisions they make or not.

Uncle Al, you have been a great influence upon us all, for some you are a father, and in my book you rate second only to my father who nobody can even replace as number one.

We love you Uncle Al, and will miss you tremendously while you are abroad. Take care of yourself, you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless, JSA '81

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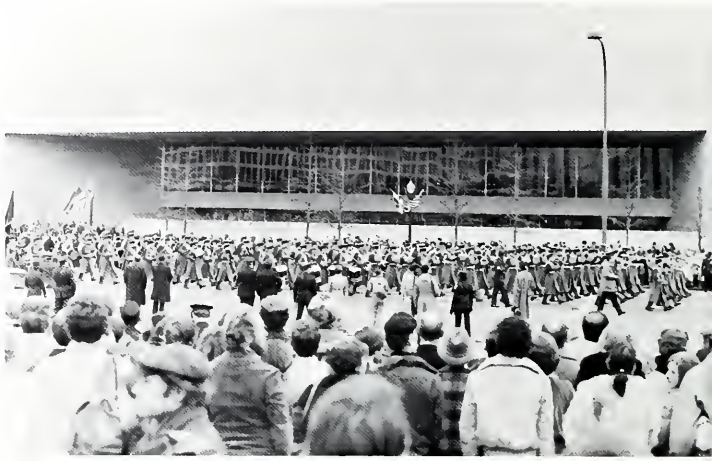
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Tom Luca Hypnotized His Volunteers And The Audience . . .









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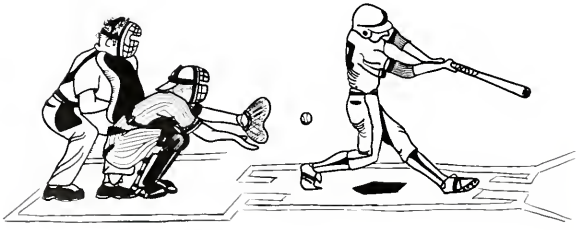
The Hill Becomes A Polo Field






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VMI BASEBALL















VMI LACROSSE

















The 1981 Lacrosse season should be an improvement over last year's record. The 1981 team will boast a solid defense and a strong attack. Coaches Biff Hearne and Ben Muskin will have to search, however, for replacements to fill vacancies in the midfield. Leading the defense is tri-captain Peter Nauta, Ross Rappaport, Jim Ayers, and Jim Outland. Tri-captain Mac Spears will be tough in the goal. The attack looks to Tracey Jones, Clarkson Meredith, and Todd Minnix to consistantly put points on the board. The midfielders will be led by tri-captain Bruce Gitchell, Mark Ciarocca, Adam Phillips, Cubby Fox, Mark Jamison, and John Koch to provide action at both ends of the field. The trips to Georgetown, Hilton-Head, Citadel, and the University of Richmond seen to be pre-season highlights for the club.

VMI TENNIS









VMI GOLF









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Kyle Woods gives a warm welcome to his



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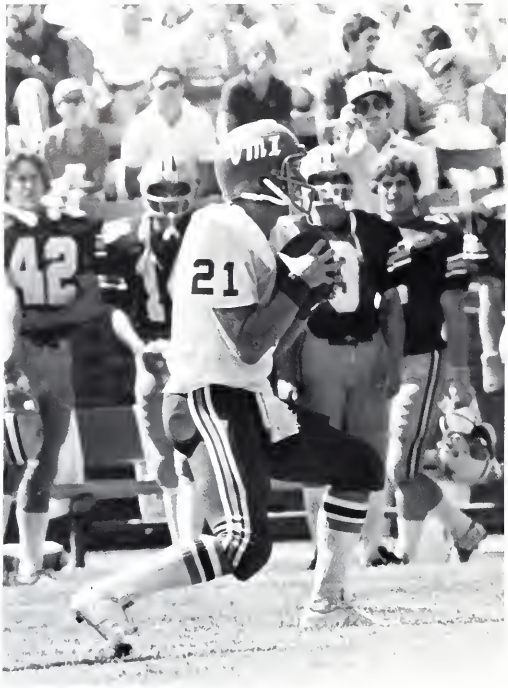


On August 14, the season opened for the 1971 Panthers. A total of 44 players dressed, seven did not play, and another unknown was released from the squad on the road. Unfortunately, Oakland did not have the speed as expected, losing 24-7. There were a number of plays that had potential, but overall it was a disappointing season for the performance we were accustomed to from the Raiders.

The season did end on a happy note, however. Defeating Hayward 20-0 in WAIAA and Alameda Hardwoods 28-0, only to be beaten by a last second field goal. The highlight of the season was the Alameda game. Remember it well, the Oaks played a significant role.

We all did learn much to the advantage. The team showed heart, but a heavier squad was more than a match for the Raiders. Many lessons were taught and learned. Many new friendships were made and renewed. Many memories were created. Some memories are good and some are bad. Some memories are happy and some are sad. Some memories are proud and some are humble. Although we were defeated as a team, we learned from each other, and that "We are family" proved.

THE FAN DAY



Jeff White prepares for the chase.



Floyd Allen leaves another opponent in his wake.



G.J. Walley and Barry Smith apply pressure to the ASU Quarterback.



Lou Darden boots another down field.



Oliver James shows off his form.



Chris Timmons lays waste to the Spider QB.

1980 RESULTS

L	14-16	WESTERN CAROLINA
W	13-10	WILLIAM & MARY
W	17-3	MARSHALL
L	16-28	FURMAN
L	0-28	THE CITADEL
L	10-55	UT/CHATTANOOGA
W	22-17	RICHMOND
L	6-17	VILLANOVA
L	22-38	BOSTON UNIVERSITY
T	16-16	APPALACHIAN STATE
L	6-21	VIRGINIA TECH

ACTION ON THE FIELD











The boys from ASU on a base in the Korean conflict



The boys from ASU in the Big Red Machine

V.M.I.

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Running back Jeff Hostetler




















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ON THEIR WAY TO BECOMING CHAMPS!










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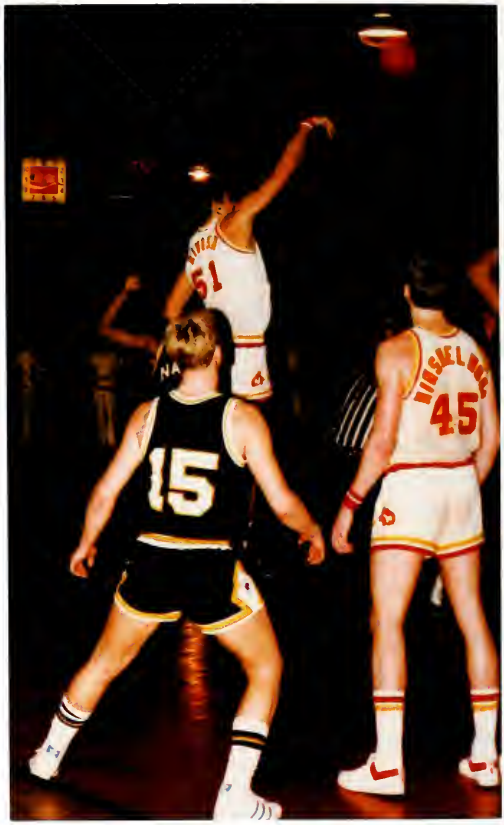



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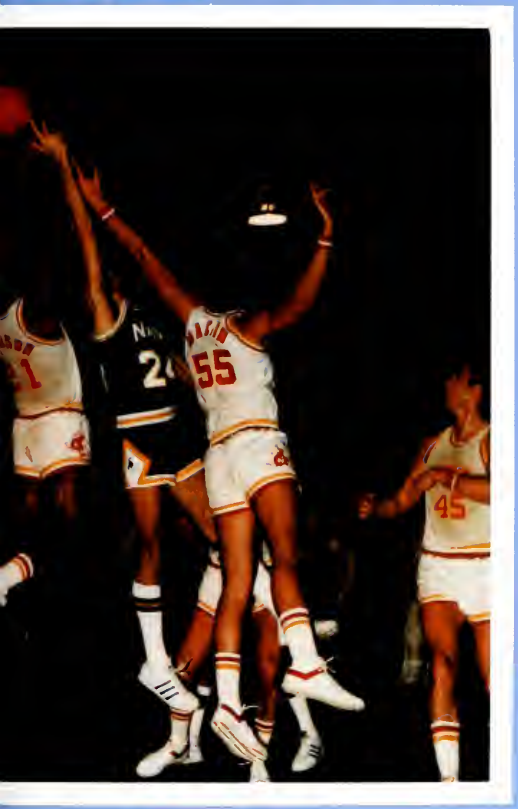
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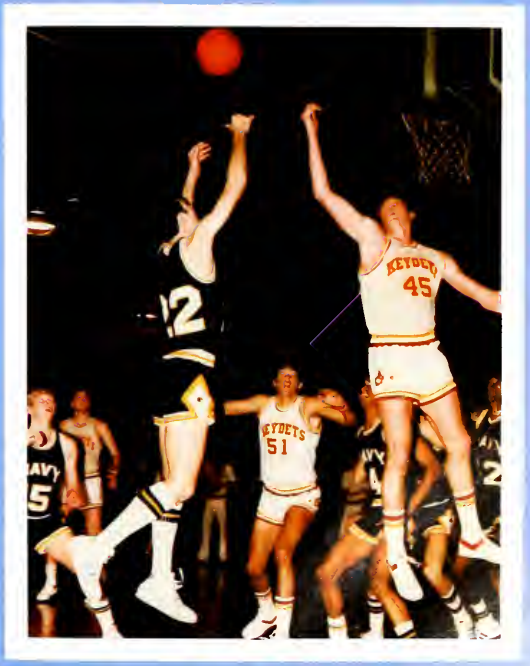


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WELCOME
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PIT!



GO KEYDETS





There is no doubt about it. This year's **basketball** season has been disappointing, frustrating, and surprising. Glowing expectations grew dimmer as the season progressed. At first it was an early season slump with losses to U.C.L.A., Cal-Irvine, Maryland and other strong teams by respectably close margins. Everyone expected the team to come back in January having tasted the tough play that had tripped them in early games. Then the continued losses were credited to the endless road games. And as soon as the team came back to play in the Pit, fans began to look for the "big win" that would turn the season around. But after a string of home games at the end of the season, it was clear that the magic was not there.

Perhaps the most frustrating aspect of the whole season is that there should have been an extremely competitive team playing this year in the Pit. On any given night, the Keydet basketball team could have beaten any college in the Southern Conference. Opposing coaches echoed Coach Charlie Sammons' claims that V.M.I. has a strong guard, and experienced team. Those same coaches were also as surprised as Sammons was when the team continually failed to win. V.M.I. just couldn't win.

The team certainly had no lack of talent. Returning starters included Andy Kossan an Academic All-American and All Southern Conference; Dennis Johnson, John Grande, Geoff Hutchelwood, and Tom Savage. These five players had seen extensive playing time in the previous seasons and that experience was counted on this year to carry V.M.I. high up in the conference standings. This was an awesome lineup considering that these five seniors had more playing experience than any other conference team combined playing time for all their letter numbers.

Yes, it was a disappointing season. The '80-'81 year in basketball for V.M.I. probably best described as "the season that could have been ... but wasn't."

VMI WRESTLING

This year's wrestling team has had another outstanding season under Coach Sherlock. The Keydet's finished the year with a 8-3 dual meet season and high future hopes for he Southern Conference Tournament. Although the team experienced some turmoil at the onset of the season, the team pulled together and made things happen. Every member of the team put up with the same hardships day after day, and it payed off. This year's team consisted of five returning lettermen; Scott Horan, Steve Evans, Jim Rice, Scott Kimball, and G.J. Walley. The rest of the Varsity lineup was comprised of rats; John Munno, Chris Murnane, John Ehrenherger, Ricky Wyatt, Matthew Martin, James Walker, Bob Knarr, and Thomas Amador. With some successful recruiting and a little luck the V.M.I. "Grapplers" will be heard from in the future. Coach Sherlock, with the help of his assistant, Coach Shoemaker, have produced another outstanding team of which the Institute can be proud.



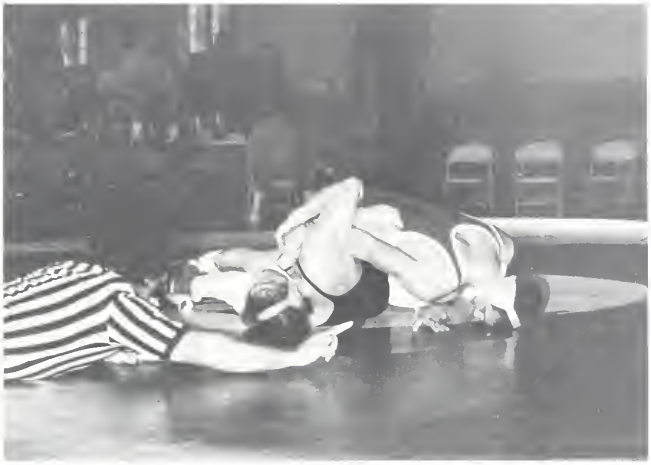







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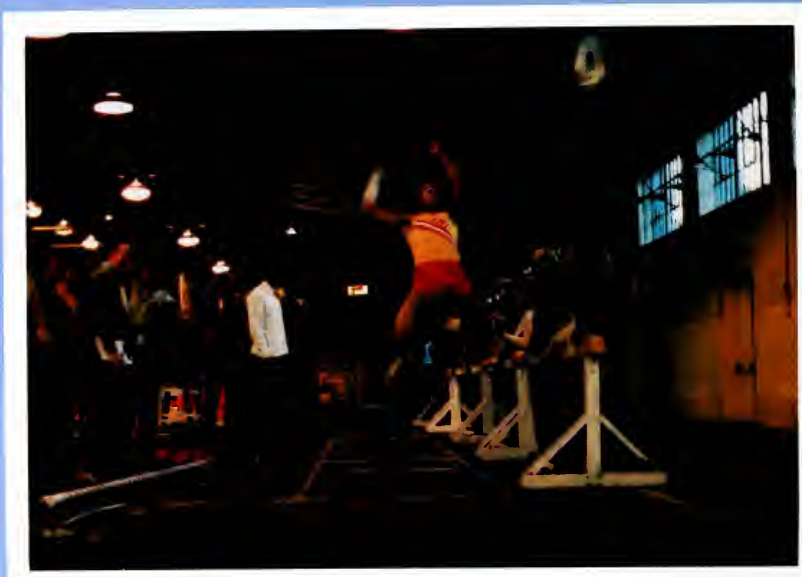






VMI TRACK









KEYDETS







One might think that the loss of such greats as Jody Weatherwax, Dennis Watt, Ben Judge, Eugene Scott and Paul Perry would be devastating to the VMI Track team in its' 1980-1981 seasib, Although these men left big shoes to fill, the 1981 Team was more than able to provide their competitors with a startling show of talent and strength.

In retrospect, the Keydets were stronger than last year. In the short sprints, senior Tri-captain David Washington and junior Darryl Horne grew stronger through the season. Senior Tri-captains Mack Williams and Arthur Armstead were tough in the 200m, 400m, and 500m long sprints. The 400m intermediate hurdels, 60m and 110m highs could not go unmentioned due to the fine display of Washington complenented by high jumper and tripple jumper Dale Davis. Junior Joey Keys, sophomores David Neville, Steve Godwin and Graham Nuttycomb continued the winning traditi9ns of last year, keeping the tean within reach of state and Conference titles, John Scott, Neville Anderson and Keith Gentry were what the Keydets needed in tough situations. The distance team has been rebuilding since the 1978 graduation of standout Rex Wiggins. After a second place Southern Conference Cross Country finish to National power East Tennissee, the distance men were ready to contribute substantially to Keydet Track success. Mainstays were Juniors Paul Webb, Dave Reynolds and Cross Country captain Ed Daniel, along with Sophomores Jack Dilt, Tom Spartz and Senior Jimmy Yonts.

Outstanding Field events have always been a Keydet trademark and 1981 should be no different. Although Eugene Scott and Paul Perry leave very large long and triple jump shoes to fill, Junior Jerome Williams has been steadily improving and is a certain point source. Dale Davis will also contribute to the filling of the Perry-Scott loss, as should the promising freshman Ron Abbit. The Pole Vaulting event held the most pleasant surprize for Keydet mentor Wade Williams. Freshman waulter Ken Crowder has already broken the Keydet record in this event by going 15'. The High should be a strong event for the Keydets, with Junior Dale Davis and Freshman Jin Moore.

Perhaps the strongest field events this year are the weight events. Pat Mc Carthy, the Southern Conference Hammer champion and record holder returnd tor his last senester, along with Junior Hanner and Discus standouts Tony Edwards and Jay Lasek, Edwards and McCarthy had already broken the school indoor Hammer record early in the season. Shot Putters included Senior Edwards and Junior Austin Beckham, along with Freshman John Long. The Javelin was a strong event once again with two time Southern Conference champion and National qualifying Junior Jeff Roseme. Junior Dean Shannon also threw in this already strong Keydet event. The last events, those upon which the outcomes of many meets come to rest, are that 880 and mile relays. These events have been traditionally strong for the Keydets, and so they remained this year in keeping with the high set standards set by past teams.

The future is bright for the V.M.I. indoor Track Team. Although they are not favored to win the State Conference, there are no plans for a second place finish. The V.M.I. Track Team is looking forward to being spoilers and champions again in 1981.





HARD/WORK/PAYS OFF/WITH/BIG REWARDS . . .



TEAM PLACES WELL/IN/STATE







VMI SWIMMING







This season posed many challenges with the combination of a tough schedule and hard practices, the team won two of their meets and many individuals accomplished their goals. Going into the Southern Conference meet at the Citadel on Feb. 19-21, VMI had two Keydets with top-rated times in the conference. Third classmen Andy Jones in the 100 yd. breastroke and first classman Kirk "Kink" Campbell in the 100yd. butterfly were outstanding. Third classman Mark Roltsch along with the other divers added many points to the team effort. Rolsch went on to regional championships in Florida. Next years team looks promising with the return of the third fourth classmen led by the rising seniors.



Team:
Fourth Classmen- Jim Dillon
Tom Grahm
Mike Flanner- Diver
Pete Watling
John Lee Noel- Diver
Phillip Markely- Diver
Zane Johnson
Third Classmen- Roger Fiedler
Mark McDonald
Andy Jones
Matt Benvenuto
Mark Roltsch
Andy Whitson
Second Classmen- Neil Fortney
Nick Roper
Pearl Holt
First Classmen- Dean Beard
Kirk Campbell
Jim Hart







VMI WATER POLO











RIFLE













The Rifle Team, VMI's winningest team, had a very successful season. The team started off slowly this year with an initial loss, and then went on a nine match winning streak. After the Conference Championship the team held a 15-3 conference record, and 81-4 including national matches.

Besides the season high of placing team members Kevin Smith, and Chris Skiba in the Southern Conference Top Ten; the team also won three National Postal Matches.

Success may be attributed to fine coaching and good management. The head coach this year was MSgt. Jim Thorp, a man who did in his first year what others would have deemed impossible. The Asst. Coach and head manager was Jeff Adler; a man who so fully devoted himself with time and effort to the rifle team, for four years, that he will be here to do it for a fifth year. Matt Merriman, as asst. manager did a superb job of supplying innovative ideas and a great deal of hard work. We find this year's team Captained by top shooter Doug Dillard; and made up of Kevin Smith, Steve Carr, Chris Skiba, Pete Hahn, Bill Noel, Whitney Owens, and Jim Hotinger.

The team's future is bright. The future team captain, and a potential national shooter, Kevin Smith, will lead the varsity, minus only one member from this year's team, into what promises to be the team's most successful year with a National Championship berth in the sights.

VMI BOXING



















VMI FENCING



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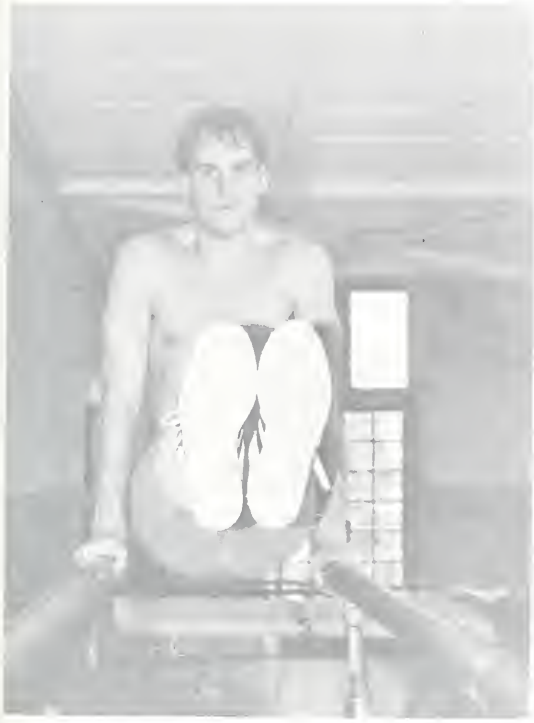
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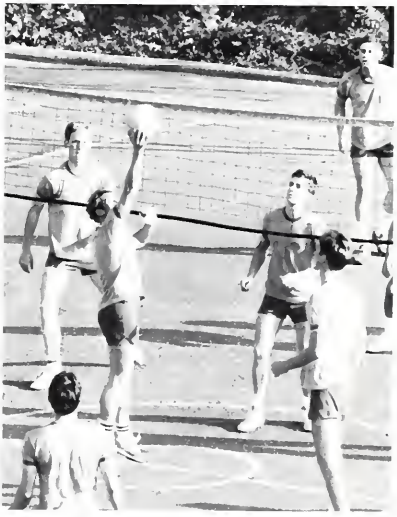

















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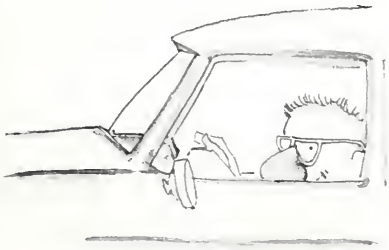
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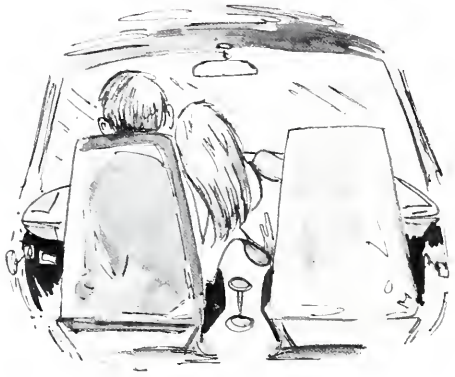


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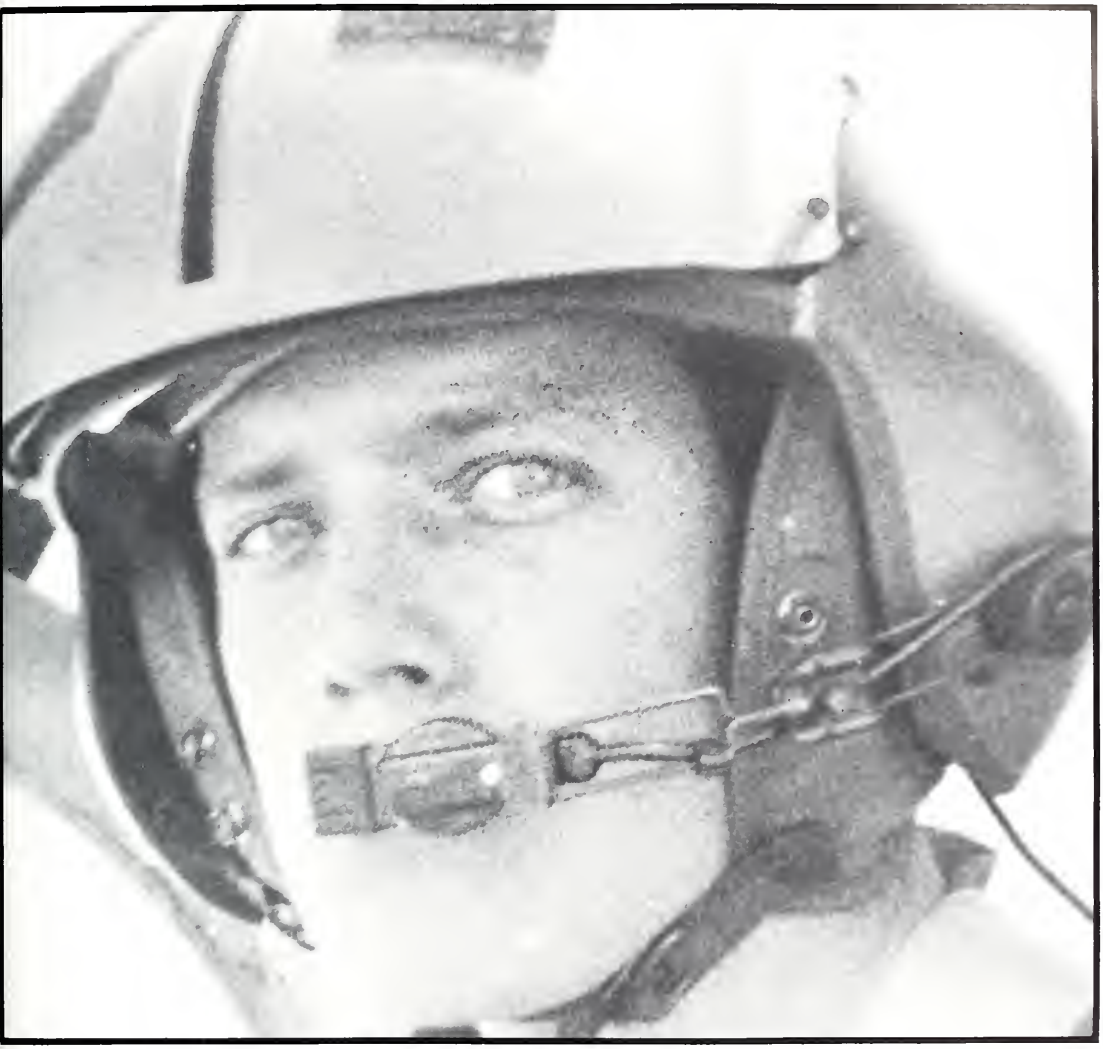
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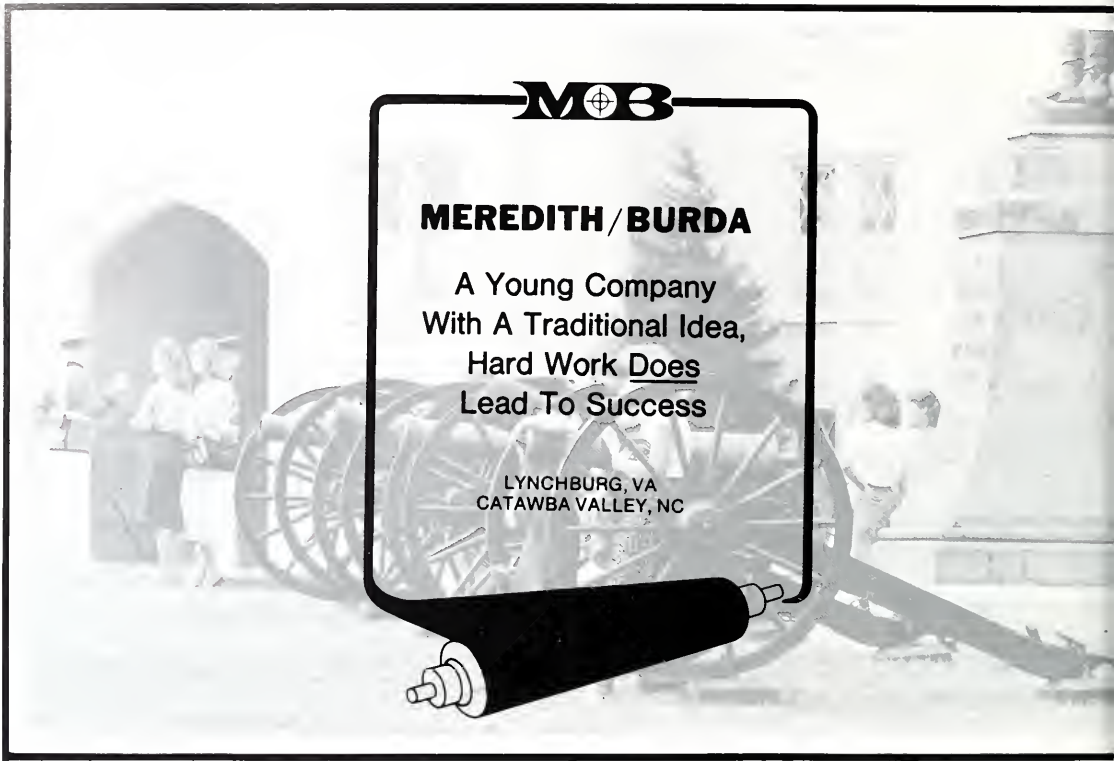


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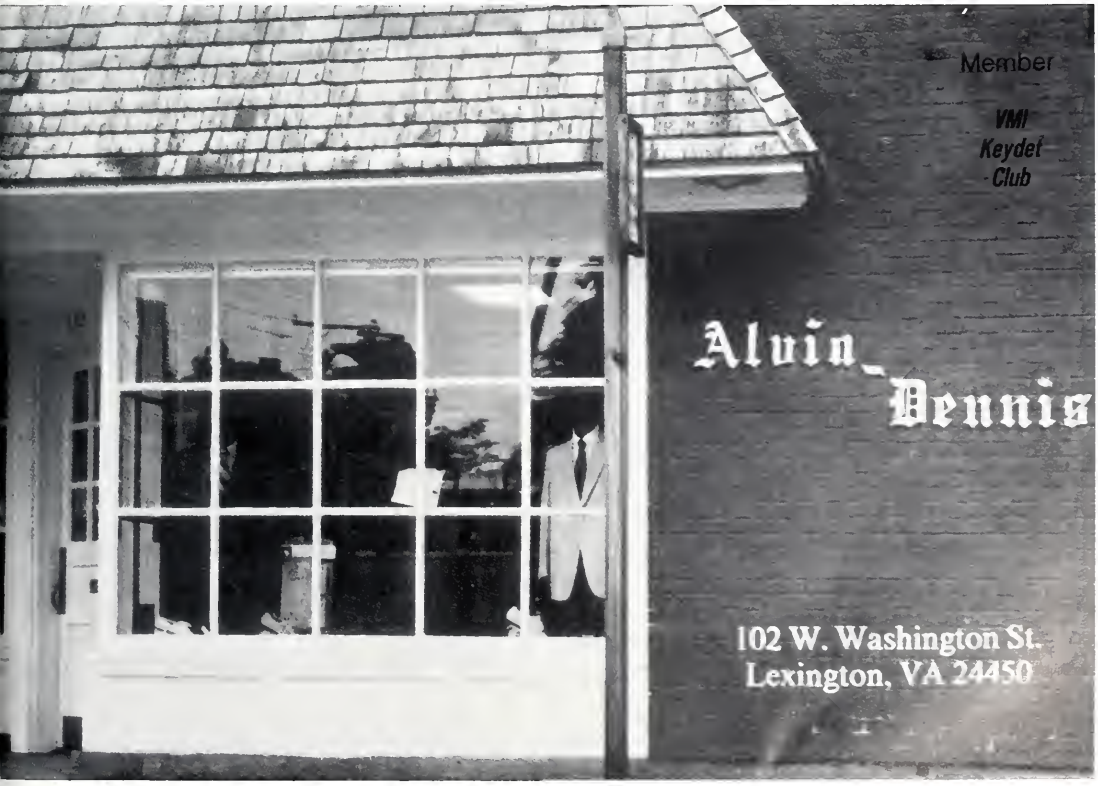
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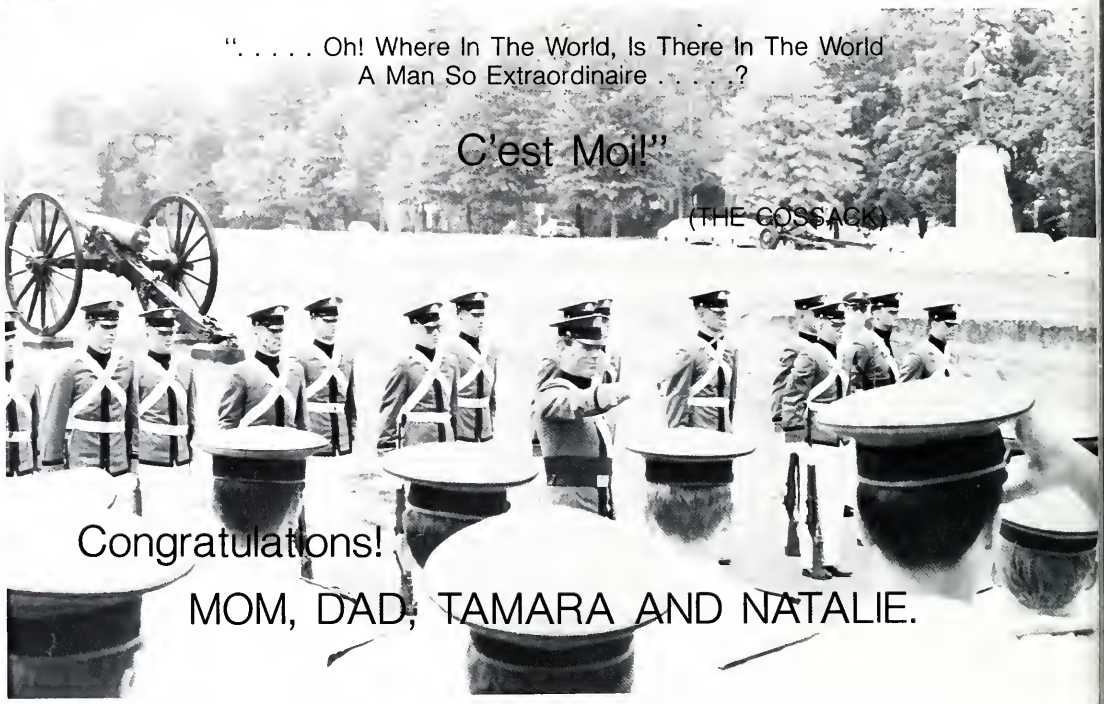
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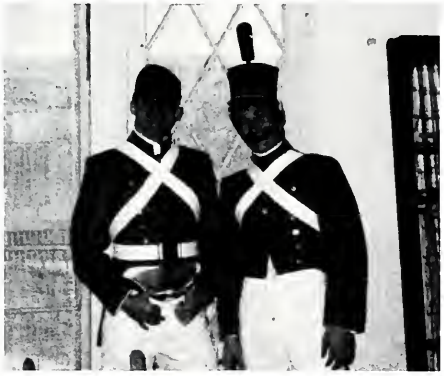
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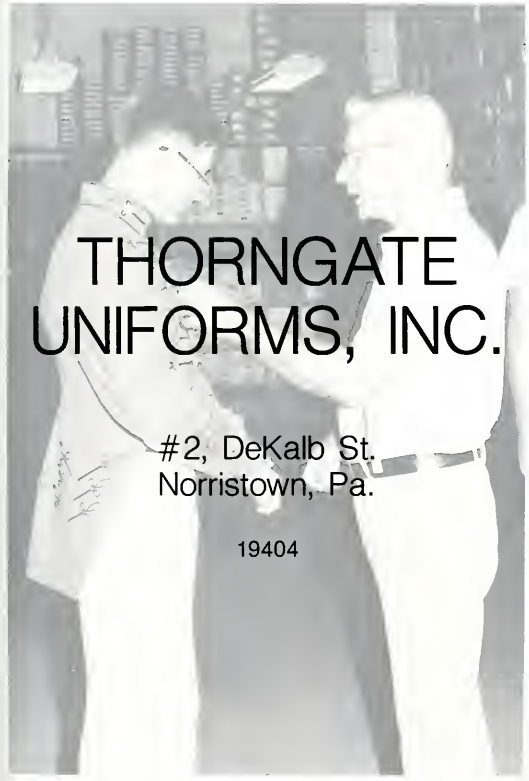
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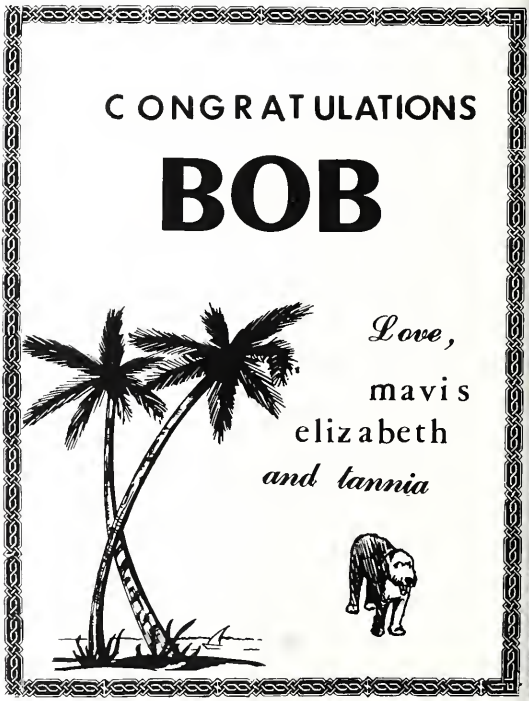
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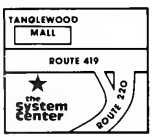
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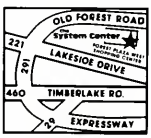
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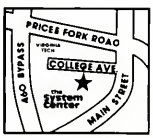
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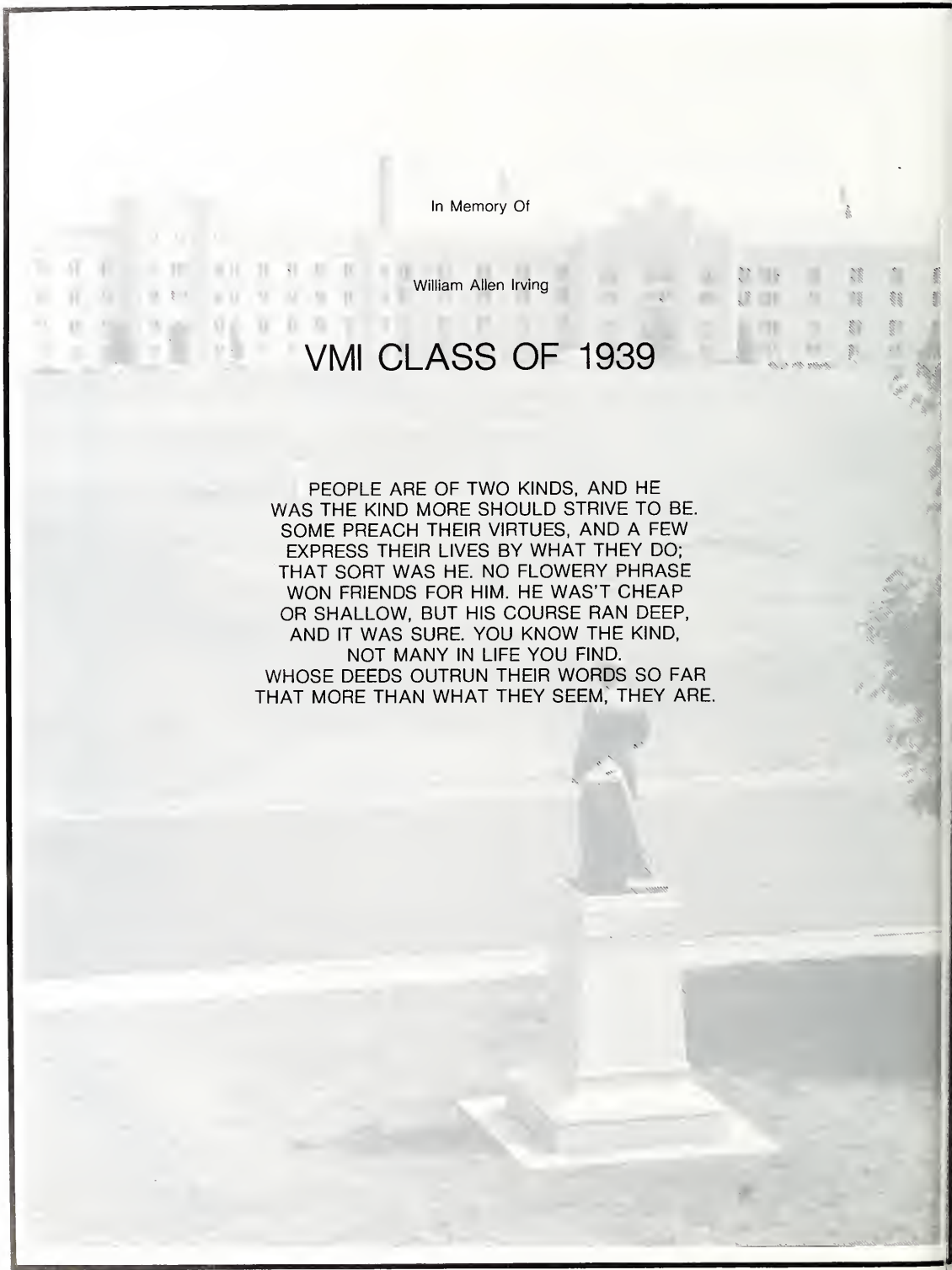


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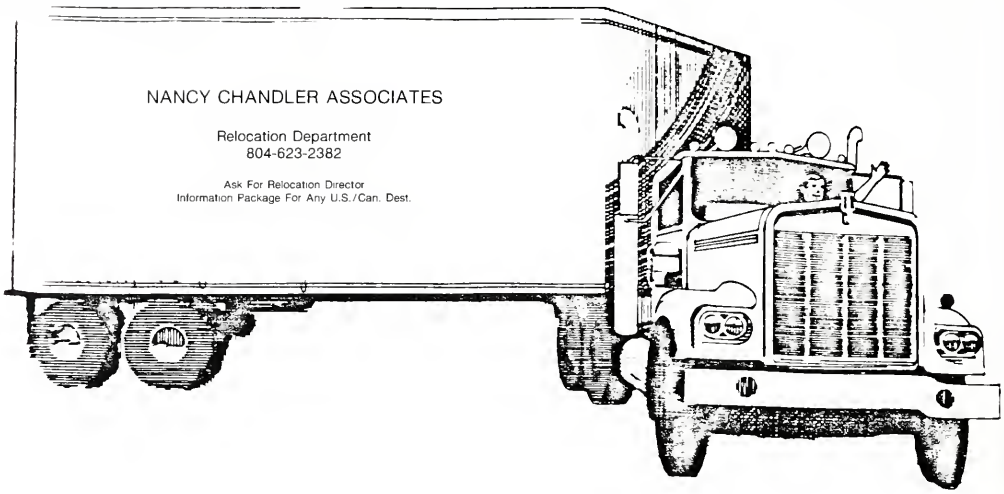
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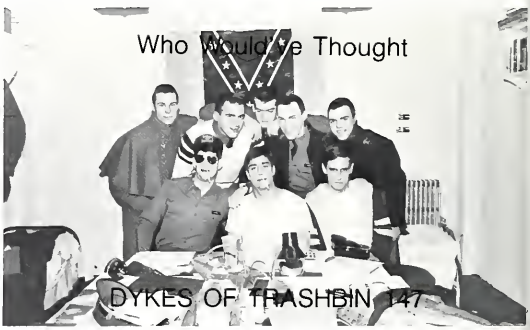


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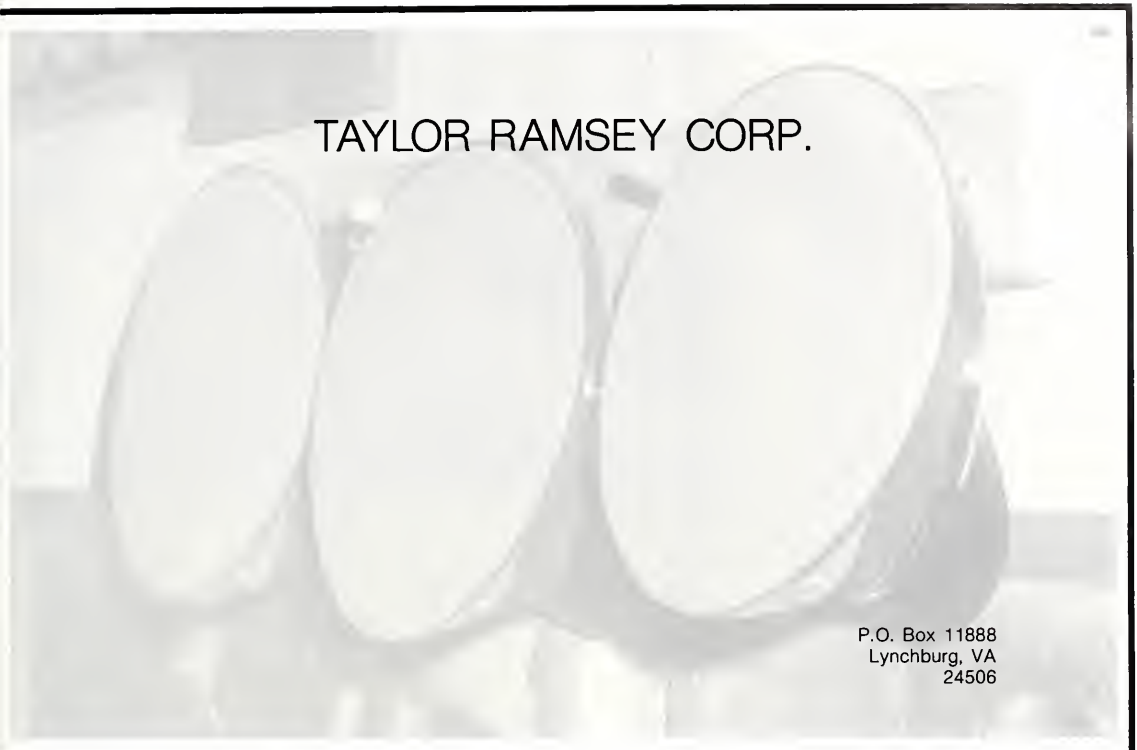
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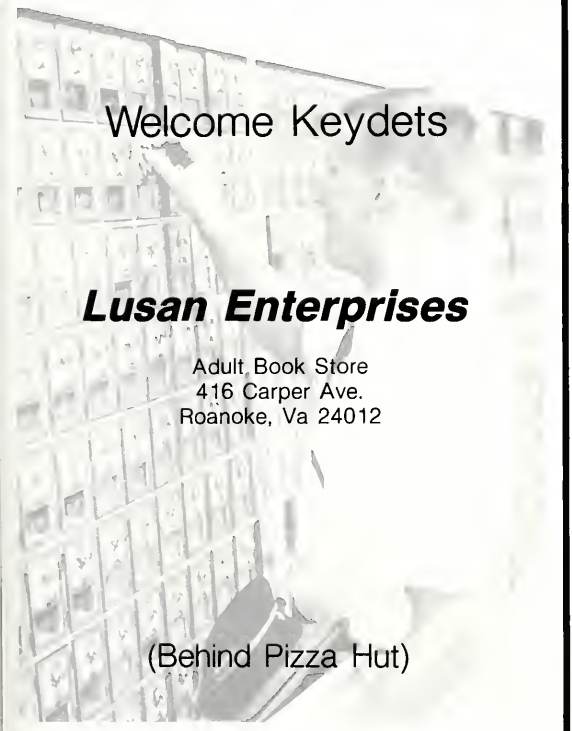
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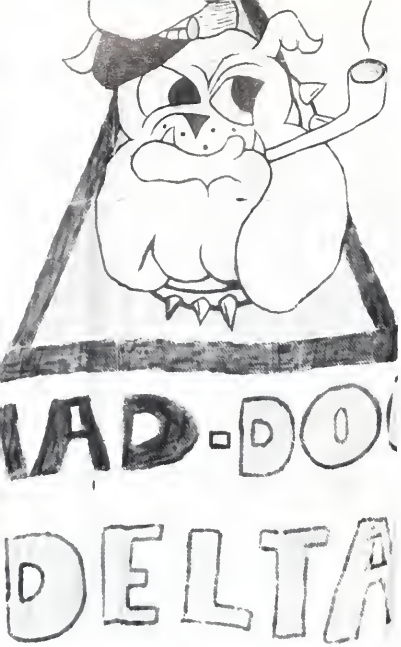
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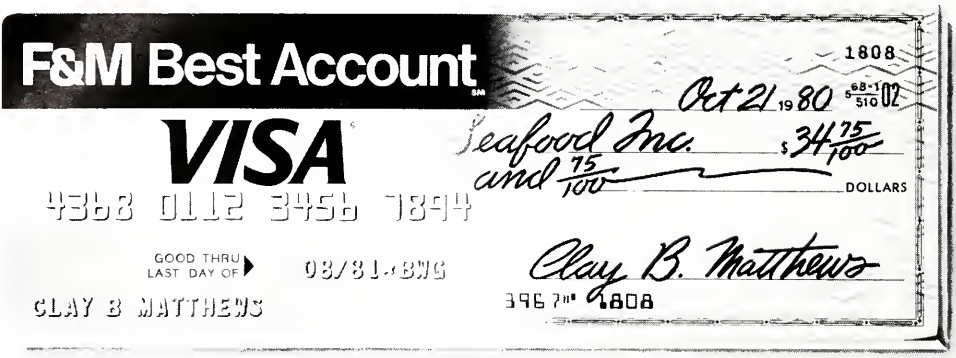
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EDITOR'S NOTE

The BOMB staff accomplished many things this year. We watched the BOMB room being transformed from a dull dingy cell to a clean, but garish office space. And also saw the shaping of a class, a truly memorable event.

Actually, we did a few other things, too. In our spare time we took a few pictures, wrote a little copy, and drew some layouts. You are looking at the end result- The 1981 BOMB.

Producing any book of this size in only eight months is a massive project, but it was all the more interesting this year for several reasons.

First of all, we had a tough act to follow. The 1980 BOMB was one of the best yearbooks put out at VMI. We had to find a way of producing a follow-up that would be just as good, but with entirely new material. Whether we accomplished that goal is for you to decide.

Second, our volume 87 of the BOMB was to be 16 pages larger than 86. This may not seem like a large addition to you. It didn't to us either-at first-we were wrong.

Third, and most important, we had to work with a host of new faces. Only three of our 11 major staff members returned from the 1980 staff. Almost all our professional help was new to us, and, fortunately, they were all great to work with:

-Chuck Lockard of Jostens for helping us adjust to a new printing company (the company had it harder, they had to adjust to us). Jostens, we know not what we do!

-Del and Nate for taking over 1300 mugs and answering all our stupid questions.

-Maj Badgett and Capt Spear for kicking when necessary.

-Capt Willcockson for approving most of our late submitted permits.

-PIO for the pictures of the Inaugural Parade, and those of Gen Irby.

-Hank Lewis for his pointers on money raising.

WRAP UP

March 5, 1981; 3:00 AM. Now that I have, I hope, beaten the deadline to send off the '81 BOMB to Jostens Publishing Company, My blurred mind is too tired to write a graceful farewell note. The past eight months have been the most challenging, and perhaps frustrating, of my life. There have been low spots and high ones—disappointment followed by achievement. Many staff members have burned the midnight oil with me. For some, this was their first experience on a college yearbook, and should be proud of their steady efforts. Others have chosen to "goof off" and leave their share of work for us.

The members of my staff who have done a good job know who they are. I hesitate to mention any names, but I feel that two members should be commended for their outstanding work. "Yogi" Barra and "JB" Howe faithfully edited their sections without my help. I would also like to thank Ward Walsh for his dedication. Finally, I would like to thank Dennis Maguire for seeing that the BOMB didn't go into the red in spite of all the problems we had.

Sincerely,
Keith R. Baron
Editor-in-Chief

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